

# Israelis close to secret deal over hostages

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● The wives of the three Americans thanked their captors, "Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine" for not carrying out their threat of execution.

From Robert Fisk and Juan Carlos Garmido, Beirut

Months of secret contacts between the Israelis and guerrilla leaders in southern Lebanon — through the confidential offices of the International Red Cross — lie behind a wide-ranging deal which was being negotiated last night for the exchange of an Israeli pilot, three Americans and an Indian professor in return for the release of 400 Lebanese Shia Muslim and Palestinian prisoners held by Israel and its Lebanese militia allies.

Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, may also be released, according to well-informed sources here, although it is thought likely that he would be "saved" with the well-publicized help of Damascus, and probably freed in Syria, the nation with which Britain broke diplomatic relations last year because of the country's alleged involvement in the

attempted bombing of an El Al passenger jet.

The Israeli pilot — who was captured when his plane was shot down during an air raid on Palestinian positions east of Sidon last year — has been the subject of Israeli concern for many months.

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long before the most recent wave of kidnappings in Beirut, for some months the Israelis were not even certain that their airman was still alive and had wanted to see if he would be produced at a press conference in west Beirut by his captors, the Shia Muslim movement led by Mr Nabih Berri.

In Beirut yesterday, the "Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine", which holds the three American professors and their Indian colleague, sent to the International Red Cross a list of the 400 prisoners whose freedom it was demanding.

They included 310 Lebanese Shias incarcerated at Alit prison in Israel and at a jail run by Israel's proxy South Lebanon Army militia allies in southern Lebanon to which the Red Cross has always been denied entrance. The group also listed 90 Palestinians — including three who had been convicted for an attack on off-duty Israeli soldiers and their families at the Walling Wall in Jerusalem last year — who

would have to be freed if the deal was to go ahead.

Despite the carefully-worded pessimism of Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister — who talked yesterday about the difficulties of "submitting to terror" — the decision of the kidnappers to postpone the murder of their captives because of "positive" elements in Israeli statements was the first sign that the crisis could be nearing an end.

The "deep concern" expressed yesterday by the West German Government about civilians trapped in the Beirut el-Barajneh fighting between Shia militiamen and Palestinians in the southern suburbs of Beirut has been taken here as an overture to negotiations for the release of the two Germans held hostage in the city for the release of the Lebanese man awaiting extradition from Germany to America for his alleged part in the 1985 hijack of the TWA airliner.

Of more immediate importance have been the remarks put about by the Government in New Delhi to the effect that it was India which was one of the founders of the Non-Aligned movement. The Indian kidnapped with the Americans 11 days ago, Dr. Mithleshwar Singh, may therefore be released first.

There were other signs yesterday that the crisis, or at least part of it, may be reaching a non-violent conclusion. In Tehran, the newspaper *Kayhan* — which is

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Mr Michael Jopling addressing the NFU meeting which yesterday passed a near-unanimous vote of no confidence in the Government (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

## Thatcher backs Jopling after NFU censure vote

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister yesterday voiced her confidence in Mr Michael Jopling, the beleaguered Minister for Agriculture, after his unprecedented censure by the National Farmers' Union and criticism from Cabinet colleagues over his handling of measures to boost the rural economy.

Reprimands intensified yesterday between ministers in the Department of Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture over the way the Government's new countryside reforms had been presented.

But in the Commons Mrs Thatcher dismissed yesterday morning's near-unanimous vote of no confidence in the Government by the NFU as reflecting "a very short-term view of the farming community".

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, denied in a Commons statement that the controversial plans were "a charter for developers".

Mrs Thatcher's backing for Mr Jopling was seen by MPs as being less than fulsome. She is known to have been furious both at the leaks over the weekend of the Government's plans to relax restrictions on all but the best agricultural land, and the bungling of the announcement on Monday when Mr Jopling was forced to make a 7pm Commons statement after earlier disclosing the plans in a written parliamentary reply.

She did not initially refer to Mr Jopling when asked to sack him by Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, and she only voiced her confidence when asked to do so by a Labour MP. Mrs Thatcher said that

she had "complete confidence" in him.

She added: "He has done a very great deal to try to modify the Common Agricultural Policy. Whatever votes were passed by the NFU this morning, the situation in agriculture is that food supply

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and demand must be brought more closely into balance and surpluses eliminated, and new surpluses must not be brought into the intervention system."

In the Commons yesterday Dr David Clark, Labour's spokesman on environmental protection, said that many believed the proposals envisaged a planning regime which threatened the fabric of the countryside.

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

The key ministers involved in the policy decision, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, Mr Michael Jopling, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and Lord Young of Grafton, Secretary of State for Employment, met after a Cabinet meeting last Thursday to discuss how the announcement would be handled.

The decision had the full support of the Prime Minister, who has for a long time been convinced that a percentage of agricultural land needed to be taken out of production to cut back on food surpluses.

The National Farmers' Union overwhelmingly passed a vote of no confidence in the Government's agricultural policies at its annual meeting in London yesterday.

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£10m Aids funds 'blocked'

By Nicholas Wood  
Political Reporter

An application for an extra £10 million to find a vaccine against the Aids is being blocked by the Treasury, it was alleged last night. Medical Research Council sources claimed that its leaders feared that the new money might be delayed or withheld because of public spending constraints.

"The MRC has been told to go away and do its sums again," one commented.

Today, Lord Jellicoe, the MRC chairman and Sir James Cowans, the secretary, will outline their proposals, put to the Government in December, to the all-party Commons social services committee.

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## Kremlin orders mass release of dissidents

From Our Own Correspondent, Moscow

In the most sweeping gesture on human rights since Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, came to power in March 1985, the Kremlin yesterday announced that 140 political dissenters serving jail and labour camp terms had been pardoned earlier this month. It said the cases of a further 140 dissenters were now under active review.

Western observers saw the timing of the mass pardons as being designed to set a favourable atmosphere for next week's much publicized international symposium on nuclear disarmament to be held in Moscow and attended by more than 800 delegates from 80 countries.

First indications that large scale releases were on the way came last weekend when Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Nobel peace prizewinner, and his wife, Yelena Bonner — who were released from internal exile in December on the personal instructions of Mr Gorbachev — compiled their own list of 43 dissenters about to be set free. They did this by amassing information from telephone calls and other communications received at their flat, which has now resumed its old position as an unofficial dissident information centre.

All indications are that the 43 named by the Sakharovs were included on the list of 140 whose pardons were announced yesterday by Mr Gorbachev's spokesman, the Kremlin's chief spokesman, included were Yuri Shikhanovich, aged 53, a mathematician who edited the

underground human rights journal, *Chronicle of Current Events*, and Kiril Popov, aged 37, sentenced for sending reports on the human rights situation inside the Soviet Union to the West.

Mr Gerasimov told a press conference that all the prisoners involved had either applied for state pardons or had promised not to continue their activities upon release.

He said the pardons had been issued under two decrees laid down by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, the country's highest state body. He declared that the review of prisoners' sentences was "consistent with the process of democratization" now underway in the Soviet Union.

A new gesture to improve the Kremlin's tarnished image on human rights had been widely predicted after Moscow's determined attempt to stage an international conference on the subject here later this year. Senior Soviet sources said more releases could be expected soon.

Mr Gerasimov added that the authorities were also reconsidering the overall process of criminal law and sentencing in the Communist state. "There is a tendency nowadays in the review towards a softening, although there are some comrades who think the stricter it is, the better," he said, without naming those in favour of a harsher policy.

According to most Western experts about 1,000 political prisoners are being held in the Soviet Union.

## 'Last ditch' move in airport strike

By Ian Smith

Trade unions and Acas officials were last night asked to intervene in the Manchester Airport strike to prevent the indefinite closure of Britain's third largest airport and the loss of 7,000 jobs.

The move follows a three-hour meeting at which striking firemen refused to return to work and accept the appointment of an independent arbitrator to end the 13-day deadlock. They condemned the management ultimatum to arbitrate, or be responsible for job losses, as "provocative".

Mr Gil Thompson, the airport Chief Executive, expressed disappointment at the firemen's decision, and warned that moves to seek the assistance of Acas and representatives from every trade union whose members jobs are at risk was a "last ditch attempt" to salvage the situation.

Mr Brian Didsbury, the

Transport and General Workers' Union district officer, maintained his members had acted with restraint, and said they were still optimistic that a settlement could be reached.

However, last night Mr Keith Barnes, chairman of the board of local authorities which own the airport, said they had total confidence in management, and would not intervene.

The strike which costs £100,000 in net profits each day and which has forced 2,100 flights to be rerouted to neighbouring airports, began when the management refused the firemen's demands for more pay in compensation for the introduction of new technology fire alarm systems.

The 52 fire fighters and 40 fire officers at Ringway Airport are already, according to management, the highest paid in the United Kingdom.

## INSIDE Tory anger on 'soft' sentences

Tory lawyer MPs warned the Government that it will have to bring in an automatic right of appeal against "inadequate" sentences, such as those in the Ealing rape case.

Meanwhile, in a standing committee considering the Criminal Justice Bill, they supported a government clause allowing the Court of Appeal to review a case and produce guidelines but not allowing it to increase the sentence. The voting was 11 to seven.

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The dollar fell again after further comments by Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary. The pound rose by 1.55 cents to \$1.5330 Page 19

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Investors in British Airways can expect an instant profit of 50 per cent or more when Stock Exchange dealings begin today. The shares traded at 102½p unofficially last night, compared with the 65p initial subscription price Page 19

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The proposed swap plus £300,000 between David Speedie, of Chelsea, and Tony Dorigo, of Aston Villa, has broken down with both players finding the terms unacceptable Page 40

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Clive Lloyd, the former West Indies cricket captain, yesterday severely criticized Lancashire, the county he has just left after playing for them for 20 seasons. Page 40

### Wembley Aid

Maradona, Pele and George Best have been invited to play in a charity football spectacular at Wembley to raise money for famine relief in Africa Page 40

## Portfolio

● Yesterday's price in the Times Portfolio Gold daily competition — £5,000 because there was no winner the previous day — was shared by two readers. Details page 3.

● There is a further £4,000 to be won today. Portfolio list page 23.

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## McFarlane 'overdose' inquiry

From Christopher Thomas  
Washington

Police are investigating whether Mr Robert McFarlane, the former National Security Adviser, attempted suicide when he took 25 to 30 Valium tablets on Monday morning. He was said to be in good condition at Bethesda Naval Hospital, near Washington yesterday.

There were several unconfirmed reports that Mr McFarlane wrote a note before taking the pills. But Mr Leonard Garment, his lawyer, rejected a television report of an attempted suicide.

Detective Lauren Acquaviva of the Montgomery County Police department said: "He did not talk, outside of indicating that he had taken Valium. Mrs McFarlane appeared upset but also apparently perplexed about the situation."

Mr McFarlane, aged 49, a retired marine lieutenant-colonel, was a key figure in the Reagan Administration's secret arms sales to Iran. He was admitted to hospital just two hours before he was scheduled to testify before the Tower Commission, the presidentially appointed panel investigating the National Security Council in the wake of the Iran scandal.

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## Eurotunnel chief to step down

By Teresa Poole

Eurotunnel, the consortium chosen to build the £4.7 billion Channel tunnel, yesterday confirmed that Lord Pennock is to step down as the British co-chairman of the Anglo-French joint venture. He will continue in the job until a successor is appointed.

The group's image has been dented by speculation about top-level changes and the Bank of England is known to be concerned about progress on the project, which plans to raise £750 million in a public share offer in July.

Lord Pennock, aged 66, blamed pressure of time for his decision. He said he had taken on the job after being told it would demand two or three days a week.

"In fact, I have found that my role as co-chairman has often involved five days a week or more. Meanwhile, my other business commitments have also been making increasing demands on my time." Last week, Lord Pennock took on extra responsibilities at Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank.

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## Silence on Tennant job

The Guinness board meeting broke up yesterday amid continuing speculation that Mr Anthony Tennant, the deputy group chief executive of Grand Metropolitan, will shortly become chief executive.

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## Poll shows Greenwich Labour vote tumbling

By Robin Oakley

The possibility of a shock result in the Greenwich by-election, which could affect the timing of the general election, opened up last night with an opinion poll showing the Labour vote tumbling and the SDP/Liberal Alliance leaping into a clear second place.

A survey for the BBC *Newsnight* programme, measured party support at Labour 43 per cent, Alliance 31 per cent and Conservatives 25 per cent.

The callback survey last Sunday contacted a structured



Mrs Barnes: Up to second place in an opinion poll, the possibility of the Conservatives being caught in a classic squeeze as large num-

bers of Tory voters made a tactical switch to the Alliance to get Labour out.

For Labour to lose a seat which it has held for more than 50 years at the start of a general election year would be a devastating blow to morale for Mr Kinnock and his party.

But if it were the Alliance candidate, Mrs Rosie Barnes, who inflicted the defeat the consequences would be almost as bad for Mrs Thatcher.

Firstly the Alliance support in national opinion polls would inevitably rise, diminishing the Tory prospects of successfully launching

an early election after a tax-cutting budget.

Secondly, if the Alliance were shown to be capable of winning such seats from Labour the main line of Conservative attack on the SDP and Liberals for the general election — that a vote for the Alliance will let Labour in — would be seriously undermined.

Although Conservatives involved in the Greenwich campaign scoffed at last night's figures as inconsequential some senior Tories are already privately predicting an Alliance victory.

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## NEWS SUMMARY

## Isaccs favourite to run the BBC

Senior BBC officials said last night they were almost certain that Channel 4 chief executive Jeremy Isaacs will be named director-general of the corporation (Our Media Correspondent writes).

They also said they expect much of the administrative burden of the job to be shifted to Michael Checkland, the Deputy Director-General, whose role may be expanded so that it is almost on a par with that of the top position.

Mr Checkland, a seasoned BBC bureaucrat, is expected to concentrate on financial and managerial functions, with Mr Isaacs left free to act as the corporation's supreme editor and liaison with Westminster.

Reports throughout the day suggested that Mr David Dimbleby, considered by many to be Mr Isaacs' main rival, was no longer likely to take the job.

The Governors of the BBC are expected to announce their selection within the next two weeks, possibly after their meeting on February 26.

## Musician Lodging for US an appeal

Mr Mark Elder, music director of English National Opera, is to become music director-designate of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. He will work with the American orchestra for 10 weeks each year.

The appointment will not lessen Mr Elder's involvement with the English company, where he recently extended his contract for five years.

Mr Peter Jonas, ENO's managing director, said: "Everyone is delighted. This is an exciting challenge for him and a great compliment to ENO."

## MP's tunnel blast

The Government was accused yesterday of stifling opposition to the Channel Tunnel Bill by failing to advise that opponents can petition against it in the Lords.

Mr Nick Raynsford, the Labour MP for Fulham and one of the tunnel's most vociferous opponents, said this was "a further outrageous instance of the Government railroading this legislation through without allowing adequate opportunity to individuals and groups to have their fair say".

Petitions for consideration by the Lords select committee have to be submitted by a week tomorrow.

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## Hatton guarding

Mr Derek Hatton is to play one of Stalin's bodyguards in a film to be shown on Channel 4.

He will play an extra in a two-and-a-half hour epic about the Russian composer Shostakovich, who came into conflict with Stalin on a number of occasions.

Mr Hatton, who is still a Liverpool city councillor for Netherley, last year resigned as Liverpool's deputy leader and was expelled from the Labour Party.

## Hall: the next stage

Sir Peter Hall will follow some of his most successful productions into the commercial theatre when his contract as director of the National Theatre expires next year.

Sir Peter has accepted an offer to direct plays at the Haymarket Theatre, London. He is unlikely, however, to sever his links with subsidised theatre entirely: he has been invited to join an advisory group in the Royal Shakespeare Company, which he founded in 1960.

## Branches abandon Wapping

London-based leaders of the two main print unions decided yesterday to abandon any attempt to continue in isolation their dispute with News International.

The decision was backed by officers of the engineers' union. They will now urge their members to apply for the termination payments offered by the company of up to £30,000.

Last week, the national executive committees of Sogat '82 and the National Graphical Association agreed to call off their year-long campaign of picketing outside the company plant at Wapping, east London.

Legal advisers had warned them the unions faced sequestration of their assets if News International pursued proceedings against them in the High Court for breach of an order forbidding mass picketing.

Mr Chris Robbins, Sogat London district secretary, said the branches would recommend their members to accept the termination payments while continuing to work for job recognition at the plant.

The branches decided to continue to press for the expulsion from the TUC of the electricians' union, whose members they accuse of taking their jobs.

● The Labour-controlled city council in Glasgow decided yesterday to lift its year-long ban on *The Times* and allow it to go back on display in 45 libraries.

● Sixteen people appeared at Thames Magistrates court yesterday charged with offences arising from disturbances outside the News International plant on January 24. Charges against three accused of obstructing police or using threatening behaviour were dismissed and they were bound over to keep the peace. The others were remanded on bail.

## Telegraph 'at start of libel'

The *Daily Telegraph* was named in the High Court yesterday as the alleged "starting-point" for an article in *The Economist Foreign Report* claiming a Greek newspaper was financed by the Soviet Union.

Mr George Bobolas, publisher of the Athens daily *To Efhros* (The Nation), is suing *The Economist Newspaper Ltd* for libel.

His counsel, Mr Gilbert Gray, QC, read an interview with Mr Philip Agee, the former CIA agent, published in *To Efhros*. Mr Agee said: "The *Foreign Report* has always been the press media for the CIA. It has been known from when his chief editor was Robert Moss, known for his connections with American and British information services."

Mr Bobolas and *Ethnos* Publications are suing over a *Report* article which stated *To Efhros* was launched with a Soviet subsidy of \$1.8 million, its circulation had fallen, and it was running at a loss met by the Russians.

The *Economist* denies libel saying that, if necessary, it will counter-claim damages over the Agee interview.

The trial continues today.

## 'Monstros' give airports big problem

By Harvey Elliott  
Air Correspondent

Aircraft now being designed could be banned from many of the world's airports because they are too wide for the aircraft stands and taxi-ways.

Airport authorities, who are already worried that even the latest version of the Boeing 747 jumbo jet may prove too big for the existing airports, have dubbed the proposed giants "Monstros".

Now they are to meet in Montreal later this year to work out how, if at all, the aircraft can be accommodated.

## Tory revolt on power to raise sentences

By Martin Fletcher  
Political Reporter

The Government yesterday resisted proposals from angry lawyers on its own benches to give the prosecution automatic right of appeal against "manifestly inadequate" sentences such as those in last week's Ealing vicarage rape case.

But it was warned by the MPs, who included Mr Derek Spencer, the Attorney General's parliamentary private secretary, that their proposals would have to be introduced at some future point when its

own plans proved unworkable.

Moreover Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Office, made the remarkable public concession that if the Government's plans did fail, then automatic prosecution right of appeal would be "high on the agenda".

By 11 votes to seven the standing committee considering the Criminal Justice Bill approved a government clause enabling the Attorney General to refer sentences raising "a question of public impor-

tance" to the Court of Appeal. That court could review the case, produce guidelines for future use, but would not have the power to increase the sentence.

In the event the backbenchers voted for the government's clause, but only because they believed that any reform was better than none and that the government's plans would pave the way for their own.

Because there was no vote on their own proposals they can and will be raised again during the Bill's report stage

on the floor of the House. Between now and then the backbenchers will embark on a heavy lobbying campaign.

For the Government, Mr Mellor acknowledged, there was a "substantial gap" in a system which allows a defendant to appeal against a severe sentence but allows no corresponding appeal against too light a sentence.

But he argued that the Government's plan would allow lessons to be learnt and guidelines to be produced for future cases without the prosecution assuming a sen-

tencing role as he claimed it would have to under the backbenchers' proposals.

The backbenchers argued that the government's plan would create a situation where the Court of Appeal found sentences such as those in the Ealing rape case had been wrong but said there was nothing that could be done about them.

Mr Kenneth Hind, MP for West Lancashire and a barrister, said this would bring both the law and the Court of Appeal into disrepute.

## Farmers tell Jopling to stand up for UK or resign

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The National Farmers' Union, long regarded as a bastion of the Conservative Party, passed an overwhelming vote of no confidence in the Government's agricultural policies at its annual meeting in London yesterday.

The motion stated that the Government did not have the same commitment as other European countries to protecting its agricultural industry, was weak in negotiations on behalf of United Kingdom producers and too prepared to accept settlements which were contrary to the interests of the industry and the nation.

It called upon Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, to display a stronger commitment to agriculture in Britain or to resign.

Mr Jopling, who had earlier faced heckling and a barrage of hostile questions when he addressed the meeting, had left by the time the motion was carried.

Moving the motion, Mr Joe Billington, Staffordshire branch, said that in the past two years farmers' incomes had fallen to an all-time low, while borrowing was at an all-time high.

Mr Tom Coles, chairman of the Yorkshire West Riding branch, said that the Government seemed determined to reform the EEC's common agricultural policy (CAP) at the expense of the farming industry.

In his speech Mr Jopling said the facts gave the lie to suggestions that Britain had somehow got the "dirty end of the stick" in negotiations at Brussels.

A great deal of thought had been given to ways of widening the choices available to farmers. It had reached certain

conclusions, which were announced to Parliament on Monday. They included a farm woodlands scheme with annual payments of up to £50 an acre for farmers taking land out of agricultural production.

The Government had decided to double its commitment to the designation of environmentally sensitive areas and additional sites would be announced early next year. It would also undertake further appraisals of new crop and livestock possibilities and offer grants for the extension of farm businesses into food processing and the provision of recreational and amenity facilities.

But Mr Jopling's suggestion that the Government had worked hard to protect farmers cut little ice with delegates, who clearly felt that the Government was preparing to abandon them to market forces.

Questions from the floor concentrated heavily on the alleged "desperate" plight of beef producers. Mr Joe Raine, chairman of the union's livestock and wool committee, said that every day farmers were getting £80 less than their target price for every beast they sold, and no one had raised a finger to help.

Earlier Mr Simon Gourlay, the NFU president, said that the public needed to be told that the industry was in poor shape and that the future gave no cause for optimism. He accused Mr Jopling of misreading the impact of recent farm price settlements in Brussels, particularly on the beef sector. He demanded a substantial devaluation of the green pound to put Britain on equal trading terms with other member states.

## Mixed reaction to land use changes

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Builders and conservationists were divided yesterday in their reaction to the Government's draft circular on agricultural land.

While the house-builders described it as proposing a "minor and technical change", the Council for the Protection of Rural England said it meant that for 85 per cent of farmland "there will be a seriously weakened presumption against development".

Mr Robin Grove-White, director of the council, said the circular indicated that if land was not top agricultural quality or not top environmental quality it was open to developers to speculate. "From now on, people, whether they are developers or local authorities or landowners, will think about the planning system and approach to land use in an entirely different way. The Government has removed the acorn that has implicitly safeguarded the countryside for the last 40 years."

Referring to the "best and most versatile land" in the circular, the Government was basically exempting 80 per cent of land, and it would encourage developers to speculate to see what they could get, he said.

"If they get planning applications turned down, they will be encouraged to go to appeal."

In the Commons, Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, de-

scribed the measure as allowing a "free-for-all for developers".

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, said it would result in no more development in the countryside, but he hoped better located development. On the proposed easing of the planning restrictions, he said: "Where an authority feels there is a need for more housing it must be right not to fetter the planning authority's decision."

Mr Roger Humber, director of the House-Builders Federation, said that apart from the "minor and technical change" of the Ministry of Agriculture's involvement in land, increased from 10 acres to 20 hectares (about 50 acres), the circular made no change in the policy guidance, as to what should happen to surplus agricultural land, that had any bearing on house-building.

Commenting on the effect of the change of policy on land values, Mr Richard Stirling-Aird, of Savills, the estate and land agents, did not think it would lead to a "rush of uncontrolled development everywhere".

"Nor will it have a material effect on land values except where development is most likely to be attracted. This could be in special development areas, the South and the Midlands, and particularly in areas of surplus land round the major conurbations where development is constrained."

Mr Peter Dennison, operations manager of the British Airports Authority, said: "We cannot stop the future. But it does seem as if the very wide aircraft now being planned will give many airports a lot of problems."

The problem arises because most airports, including Heathrow and Gatwick, were built when it was never thought that aeroplanes would have such enormous wingspans. Even the existing 747s can cause some difficulties if two try to use parallel taxi-ways.

The 747-400 series, of which British Airways has bought 16, is more than 12 feet wider than the existing 747s because of the addition of "winglets" on the outer edges of the wings. This puts it well over the width calculated by airport designers.

Boeing are now talking to airlines about the Monstro, a giant new passenger jet known as the 747-500, capable of flying huge distances with up to 525 passengers.

Boeing said it would be discussing the problem of the extra size of the 747-500 with



Among the congregation at the memorial service for Lord Stockton were the Prince of Wales (above), Mrs Thatcher (top), Lord Wilson (centre) and Lord Hailsham.

## Tribute to a man with style

By Robin Young

The politicians put on a good show yesterday in honour of a great actor-manager. The memorial service in Westminster Abbey for Harold Macmillan, first Earl of Stockton, held on what would have been his 93rd birthday, was as stylish, dramatic and triumphant as the showman's most polished conference platform appearances in his heyday.

There was, of course, a full house. The Prince of Wales led the royal representatives. Three former Prime Ministers, the present Prime Minister, 17 cabinet ministers, 234 MPs, 141 Peers of the Realm; the mayors of both Stockton and Bromley, the constituencies Macmillan represented in Parliament; and representatives of organizations as diverse as Hackney

North and Stoke Newington Conservative Association, the Institute of Indian Culture, the Beefsteak Club, Age Concern, Park House Football Club and the United Nations.

It was, as Lord Home of the Hirsel remarked in his address, a fittingly comprehensive cross-section of the nation the old Prime Minister had loved so well.

The emphasis was on style. It was evident in the long silence as the three young sons of Macmillan's four-generation family - the Earl's great-grandson, William Cockerell, accompanied by Viscount Macmillan of Ovens and Richard Faber, carried the Earl's Order of Merit on a purple cushion through the nave and choir to represent the spirit that had departed.

Style was the word which occurred more than any other in the service. The Dean of Westminster, the Very Reverend Michael Mayne who officiated, placed it centrally in his bidding.

After Harold Macmillan's fortitude, his erudition, his kindly wit, his courtesy, his love of words, he said, the congregation recalled his style. A grateful, faintly audible exhalation as he reached the word confirmed the truth of what he said.

The Earl of Stockton, the Dean said, was one "who never ceased to be a civilized and compassionate man of generous sympathies, both here and abroad; and who died in the fullness of old age, at home and at peace".

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## Geldof book 'unsuitable' for A levels

Plans to use extracts from Bob Geldof's autobiography, *Is That It*, in an A-level English paper have been condemned by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

The plan was brought to Mr Baker's attention by Mrs Mary Whitehouse, the anti-pornography campaigner. She told him that the Associated Examining Board had approached the book's publishers, Sidgwick and Jackson, for permission to use unspecified extracts in a forthcoming examination paper.

Mrs Whitehouse objected that the book contained examples of sadomasochism as well as references to bestiality, oral sex and masturbation.

In his reply to Mrs Whitehouse yesterday, Mr Baker wrote that some of the book was "wholly unsuitable for A-level studies".

## How compromise may end Telecom dispute

By Tim Jones

Mr John Golding, general secretary of the National Communications Union, is confident his members will vote today to end their 16-day strike in spite of strong resistance from powerful union branches.

A 12.66 per cent, two-year pay offer, to be put to 110,000 members in the engineering section, represents a compromise between British Telecom management and the union leadership, and allows both sides to claim they have achieved concessions.

The union has agreed to drop a number of restrictive practices, which will mean one staff member can now install, test and maintain equipment where previously at least two were involved.

Staff employed inside Telecom exchanges can also be redeployed to work in customers' premises. Technicians will be able to train for computer programming and engineers will have the opportunity of switching to white collar jobs.

Telecom will also introduce "mixed hierarchical working", enabling engineering grades to work with staff represented by other unions in mixed-skill teams under one manager.

But it agreed to drop its demand that staff should start work 15 minutes earlier in the morning and 30 minutes earlier in the evening to improve customer services.

The company also dropped plans which would have enabled it to recruit senior technical officers from outside the industry. Union leaders

argued such promotions should come from within the existing workforce, and that outside recruitment would cause resentment and tension.

The union did not strongly contest the company's policy of reducing the workforce through natural wastage and early retirement.

The pay deal allows for an immediate 5.02 per cent increase, backdated to last July. There will be a further consolidated increase of 0.8 per cent between April and June next year, once it has been established in each division that efficiency measures have been carried out.

From July 1, a further increase of 4.75 per cent will be paid "without conditions", with a further 1.6 per cent rise in June 1988 if the agreement has been adhered to.

Mr Ron Burch, secretary of the powerful City of London branch, said last night that his 7,000 members would be urged to reject the deal. He said they had gone on strike for a 10 per cent "no strings" settlement. The branch claimed 81 branch officials, representing 57,000 members throughout Britain, would recommend rejection.

Members of the London-based international branch are also expected to reject the offer. In Bristol, Miss Joy Deffertis, spokeswoman for the city branch, said: "I am totally puzzled by the reaction of the national executive committee in accepting this offer. It hardly differs from that rejected by the men before the strike."

## Teacher unions call for strikes

By Mark Dowd  
Education Reporter

The two largest teaching unions in England and Wales are to recommend a series of indefinite half-day strikes and rallies to their members in opposition to the Government's decision to remove their negotiating rights.

Ballot forms were being drafted last night in time for despatch by the weekend because both unions are eager to consult their memberships as soon as possible.

If "yes" votes are returned, cancelled lessons and disruption will probably return to classrooms in the second week of March.

After a meeting yesterday, the National Union of Teachers and the National Union of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, who represent more than three quarters of teaching staff, decided on a two-tier course of action.

A mass lobby of MPs is planned to coincide with the return of the Teaching Pay and Conditions Bill to the Commons, expected in the final week of this month. The two unions will be joined by the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association; the Secondary Heads Association will make a final decision about the lobby protest on February 20.

The second stage would be a rolling programme of strikes by NUT and NAS/UWT members next month.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, was quick to condemn yesterday's developments. "The provisions of the pay and conditions Bill offers us a breathing space, and today's threat shows just how badly we need that space."

Parents and the public will share a disappointment that the NUT and the NAS/UWT leaders should react by raising the spectre of disruption in schools. The threat is not what people expect of the profession," he said.

Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the NUT, said after the meeting: "The teaching profession will not lie down and allow the Government to impose a contract in this way."

Mr Fred Smithies, general secretary of the NAS/UWT, said that teachers had been left with "no alternative" but to organize a campaign of resistance.

The balloting will be a test of whether the strong words meted out by the union leadership in recent weeks are representative of the mood of teachers at large, but the Government appears, at least temporarily, to have united two traditional adversaries.

## Gould has key job for Labour

By Philip Webster  
Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock has given the key task of drawing up Labour's programme to cut unemployment to Mr Bryan Gould, elected to the Shadow Cabinet for the first time in the autumn, and not to Mr John Prescott, his shadow Employment Secretary.

The appointment, decided by the Shadow Cabinet at its Bishop's Stortford summit in January, has not been officially announced for fear that it would be seen as a demotion or a snub for Mr Prescott.

But it has delighted centre-right members of the Shadow Cabinet who believe that Mr Gould's abilities are better-suited than Mr Prescott's to a task that will form the centrepiece of Labour's electoral appeal.

The package, which will be aimed at reducing the jobless total to a million without exceeding the ceiling set by Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow Chancellor, of an extra £6 billion on borrowing, is certain to be subjected to the most rigorous scrutiny by the opposition parties.

And it is felt that Mr Gould, who is the shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury and number two in Mr Hattersley's team, as well as being Labour's chief campaign coordinator, has the precision of mind and grasp of detail required to do the job.

Mr Prescott, although regarded as an assiduous and hard-working member of the team, has nevertheless worried some of his colleagues by making policy on his feet.

Labour sources were emphasizing last night that Mr Gould's role was seen as co-ordinating the work done by other Shadow Cabinet ministers, including Dr John Cunningham (environment), Dr David Clark (environmental protection) and Mr Prescott.

His policy document *Programme for National Renewal* will be launched next month.



# Closer look at way universities spend funds recommended

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

The method by which £1.4 billion of public money is distributed annually among the United Kingdom's 53 universities ought to be less secretive and more selective, the report of the Croomham committee, published yesterday, says.

It recommends that the Government, business and industry should all have more influence over how the money is spent, and argues that academics have too much say over the way grants are distributed among individual universities.

The committee, under Lord Croomham, chairman of Guinness Peat, was set up 18 months ago to review the role of the University Grants Committee (UGC), which acts as an administrative buffer between the Government and the universities.

It points out that university autonomy and state funding, with responsibility to Parliament, are "principles whose co-existence requires compromise". Universities depend on

public funding for nearly 80 per cent of their income, and the Government is "entitled to reasonable assurance" that the money is used efficiently and effectively in support of its objectives.

The UGC's role is to "insulate the distribution of grant from immediate political pressures. But autonomy does not require the concealment of information from the ultimate providers of funds." The financial information now available is insufficient to tell whether universities are being efficiently managed.

The report, which has been welcomed by the Government, also notes that the Department of Education has representatives on the UGC to ensure that government policy is "at least in the forefront of members' minds". However, they are excluded from "much of the main meat" of the UGC's business.

It recommends that the UGC be reconstituted as a smaller independent body, called the University Grants

Council, with a chairman drawn from outside the academic world and broadly equal numbers of academic and non-academic members. The new council should have "unambiguous powers" to attach conditions to grants.

It also recommends the setting up of a new body, the United Kingdom Education Commission, to advise on "national needs in relation to the education system". The relevance of higher education to the creation of wealth "cannot be totally ignored", the report says.

"We encountered concern in the business world that industry and commerce do not at present have a satisfactory focus for the expression of their views, and are on that account not playing as full a part as they might in the national debate, especially in terms of advice on likely developments in the requirements of employers," it says. The new body should provide such a focus.

## Inquiry on allergy link with additives

By Pearce Wright  
Science Editor

The Ministry of Agriculture is supporting a £300,000 research programme into the incidence of allergic reactions to food additives which will include studies of alleged links with hyperactivity in children.

Details of the investigations were outlined yesterday by Mr Donald Thompson, Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, before the distribution of a million new leaflets called *Food Additives: The Balanced Approach*.

The pamphlet which lists 300 additives covered by government regulation is being distributed to schools, doctors, hospitals and through retailers. It describes ingredients that have become familiar on packets only as E numbers, such as 6-0-palmitoyl-L-ascorbic acid (E 304) for preserving scotch eggs, to agents that have yet to be given a code—such as xylitol, used for artificial sweetening of chewing gum.

Mr Thompson said: "The list is designed to be pulled out for use as a shopping aid. We will supply as many copies as anyone wants free of charge. We had always assumed that the public knew what we did on food controls."

Estimates by the Government's safety advisers suggest that additives provoke a reaction from between three and 15 people in 10,000. But the pamphlet asserts that more people are allergic to natural substances than to man-made additives.

Mr Thompson said: "No additive is approved before we are assured of its safety. We do recognize the genuine concern of a small group of people who may suffer adverse reactions."

"It is for the consumers to decide what they want to buy, but we want them to make an informed choice and to be reassured." A survey had shown only 15 per cent of people realized there were controls on additives.

Lucy Whiting proudly shows the cup she won yesterday. Lucy, who is aged four and comes from Ashford, Kent, has spina bifida but has overcome her handicaps to lead an almost normal life.

She was one of 150 children who have shown true grit and astonishing resilience to overcome physical and mental handicaps. They were in London yesterday for the fourth annual presentation at Guildhall of Child of Achievement awards.

There was Lorraine Taylor, aged 10, from Aberdeen, who had major surgery two years ago to remove a brain tumour. She has raised more than £1,300 for the neuro-surgical ward of Aberdeen Royal In-



firmary through sponsored cycle rides.

Jason Doyle, aged 14, from Greater Manchester, lost both his legs after a lorry struck a wall on which he and a friend were sitting.

Jason pushed his friend to safety and took the full impact himself. He takes part in all lessons, including PE, at school.

Joanne Whitehouse, aged 11, of Brierley Hill, near Dudley, West Midlands, is deaf yet has passed more than a dozen dancing examinations. Janet Gilbert, aged 10, who lives on Merseyside, has a brain-damaged sister and is raising money to give her everything she needs.

Photograph: Chris Harris.

## Police pushed me says Boy George

By a Staff Reporter

Boy George, the pop star, said he was "pushed around" by police when he was arrested just before Christmas and that, although well treated when arrested last July, "pressure was put on me to say certain things".

He was being cross-examined at Knightsbridge Crown Court, west London, yesterday where three people are accused of supplying him with heroin.

The singer said he was "bored" with the proceedings and was feeling awful because he was taking sedatives to "calm me down".

Mr Anthony Berry, cross-examining, asked if he was well-treated by police when questioned about drugs last July. "They were civilised towards me," he replied.

He was asked about remarks he allegedly made to reporters about his treatment.

The singer then referred to his arrest on December 20 last year for possessing a substance for which he has not yet been charged.

"I was treated badly by the police on that occasion. I was pushed around," he said. "I was mistreated physically by the police."

Then, referring to his interview with police when he was arrested last July, George said: "When I gave my first statement, I was not beaten up or pushed around, but pressure was put on me to say certain things. It was not done in a callous way, it was done in a very clever way."

Earlier Boy George, who gave his address as Well Road, Hampstead, north London, claimed he had bought heroin about 30 times at a flat in Westbourne Terrace, Paddington, north London.

The flat is the home of Mr Steven Luben, aged 35, and Miss Diane Feiner, aged 34, who deny conspiring to supply heroin to other persons between October 1, 1985, and July 9, 1986.

The case continues.

## Portfolio Gold—Electricity chief's wife wins

Lady Marshall, wife of Lord Marshall of Goring, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, shared yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £28,000 with a young filing clerk from Milton Keynes.

Both women said they were delighted by the £24,000 which they will each receive, although neither appeared certain as to how the money would be spent.

"I haven't given it any thought," Lady Marshall, aged 53, of Goring-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, said. "It will be lovely to have it all to myself. It will probably go on something for the house, something that the family will enjoy."

Miss Lorraine Arnall, aged 18, of Giffard Park, Milton Keynes, said she had been trying to save for a holiday.

"People always say what they're going to do or buy, but I haven't thought about it at



Lady Marshall: may buy something for the family.

all," she said. "I don't play Portfolio every week so it's a shock to have won."

Yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £28,000 was double the normal daily amount because there were no winners on Monday.

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## 'Hostess' decision for sex party jury

The jury hearing accounts of sexual entertainment at the home of Mrs Cynthia Payne was told yesterday by Judge Brian Pryor, QC, it must decide whether or not she was just an ordinary party hostess.

Judge Pryor, summing up at the end of the 11-day trial, said the prosecution case rested on two issues—whether Mrs Payne exercised influence over the prostitutes at her parties and whether she did so for money.

The police evidence claimed Mrs Payne was clearly in command of what went on in her house and spent time introducing male guests to women.

The judge asked if that was any different to any normal party hostess who wanted to make sure her guests circulated or was Mrs Payne actively encouraging guests to go to bedrooms with women.

He referred to letters Mrs

Payne had received, including one from a woman who said she would be at a party to "sample some of the not-so-forbidden fruit".

The judge said: "For that woman the attraction was not merely the drink and the sandwiches."

At the trial at Inner London Crown Court, Mrs Payne, aged 53, has denied nine charges of controlling prostitutes at her home in Ambleside Avenue, Streatham, south-west London, between December 1985 and May last year.

The judge detailed evidence presented by the prosecution to indicate that prostitutes had been influenced by Mrs Payne, "firstly by her inviting them there or attracting them there and secondly, as it were, drumming up the business".

He told the jury: "It is important before you convict on any count that you must be sure that the particular woman was acting as a prostitute and that that particular girl's movements were influenced one way or another by Mrs Payne."

The jury is due to be sent out today to consider its verdict.

## Angel case man jailed for silence

A key witness in the inquest into the death in police custody of the Hell's Angel, John Mikkelsen, was jailed for a month for contempt yesterday after refusing to give evidence.

The witness, Alan Kraft, was with Mikkelsen when he was arrested by police on July 15, 1985, in Bedford, west London. Mikkelsen was involved in a struggle with police and later died in hospital.

The first inquest into Mikkelsen's death returned a verdict of unlawful killing by neglect.

A second inquest was ordered in December by a judge in the High Court after this verdict was challenged by eight Metropolitan Police officers.

Giving his reasons for ordering a second inquest, Lord Justice Watkins said the jury in the original inquest had been "gravely misdirected" by the coroner.

Kraft's first appearance in the coroner's court yesterday lasted less than a minute. He would not take the oath, affirm or give evidence, telling the coroner, Dr David Pank: "I want no part of this."

The coroner told Kraft he was in danger of being held in contempt and advised him to reconsider his decision. The court was adjourned while Kraft sought legal advice.

On his return, more than an hour later, he still refused to give evidence.

He told the coroner: "The DPP has already said no charges will be brought against officers involved in the incident, so I see this as a pointless exercise, and I don't want to take part."

Kraft said his legal advisers had informed him of the consequences of his actions and he was quite prepared for them.

The coroner said the inquest was not a pointless exercise—it was the course of law.

What the DPP might or might not have decided was no reason for Kraft not to give evidence. He then told him that for contempt in face of court he was sentencing him to one month's imprisonment.

The inquest was told that a second important witness could not be found. Thames Valley police had looked for the witness at the headquarters of the Hell's Angels chapter in Windsor.

The hearing continues.

## UK setting trends in housing

By Christopher Warman

Trends in home ownership in Europe point to an increasingly important role for owner occupation that will undoubtedly support further rises in house prices both in the UK and elsewhere, according to a report by the Nationwide Building Society.

The report comes in the light of substantial price increases in the UK in recent years and fears that prices might be about to tumble. It concludes that in the wider European housing market, the trend of prices rising at a rate well in excess of both the general cost of living and of average earnings is not unusual.

"There are clear signs that other EEC countries are moving towards a housing market organised broadly on UK lines. Owner occupation is likely to become the dominant form of house tenure in the years to come," the report says.

For the years 1982-84, the only years for which information is available on European house prices, only two countries—Belgium and the Netherlands—have seen prices fall. Elsewhere prices have increased steadily. The Nationwide concludes: "The growing strength of owner occupation in the UK and increasingly across Europe is making house price falls less likely."

## Blakelock jury told of arrest

A youth aged 13 was

"aggressive" when police arrested him in bed four days after the Broadwater Farm estate disturbances, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The youth, now 15 and on trial for the murder of PC Keith Blakelock during the disturbances, allegedly told a detective: "Why have you come to my flat? It is no wonder people hate the police. That is why you get hurt."

Det Con Aidan Gillett told the jury: "It seemed a very strange thing for a lad to say."

The jury was hearing evidence on the fifteenth day of the trial against a third juvenile. The juveniles, together with three adults, are charged with murder, riotous assembly and affray. The six deny all the charges.

The trial continues.

## Composer 'risks ruin'

Vangelis's reputation as a

"considerable composer" could be destroyed by the accusation that he copied another musician's work for his Oscar-winning tune, *Chariots of Fire*, his QC said in the High Court yesterday.

Mr Robin Jacob made the remark while cross-examining Mr Stephen Dodgson, a former professor at the Royal College of Music, who has said that, "for all practical purposes", the two pieces of

music were the same.

Mr Jacob said of Mr Dodgson's evidence linking the Vangelis tune with another composed by Mr Stavros Logarithis: "To be marked as a copyist is to be a marked man." EMI Music Publishing, which owns the rights to Mr Logarithis' music, is seeking an injunction banning Vangelis of South Kensington, London, and three publishers from breaching copyright. The case continues.

theic landlord in the television series, *Emmerdale Farm*, claimed that he asked the brewers, Mitchells and Butlers, who own The Woodpecker, to find him another public house without named music, but they failed.

Now he drinks at another local, The Fordrough.

Mr Christopher Stoyles, the licensee of The Woodpecker, said yesterday: "The main reason I have refused to serve Mr Magill is because he upsets my staff."

"The main complaint I get from the public is from people asking for the music to be turned up and not turned down."

## Music complaint leads to pub ban

By Craig Seton

A public house regular who has been banned from his "local" because he complained about the canned pop music has taken his fight for a quiet pint to the licensing justices.

Mr Fred Magill, who was a regular for 25 years at The Woodpecker in Turves Green, Birmingham, realized that the canned music was too loud when he ordered two scotches and was given two packets of pork scratchings.

After more complaints about the music, he was refused service. Yesterday, Mr Magill, aged 68, a retired branch secretary of the white collar union, Nalga, appeared before Birmingham licensing

justices to object to the renewal of The Woodpecker's drinks licence.

The justices adjourned the case to a full hearing next month.

Afterwards Mr Magill said: "It is time that the justices did something about the ruin of our locals. The only quiet place in The Woodpecker was in the loo."

"It has been ruined by the brewer's greed. They are privileged people with a licence to sell liquor, but they seem to have the right to ruin a local meeting place."

Mr Magill, whose brother, Roland, plays the part of Amos Breach, the unsympa-

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# Training for jobless may not provide skills needed

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

The Government's £1 billion a year job training programme is in danger of providing unemployed people with skills industry does not need, a National Audit Office report disclosed yesterday.

An investigation by the independent public spending watchdog discloses that the Manpower Services Commission, which masterminds training projects, is short of comprehensive information about the needs of industry and abilities of the jobless.

The report says: "The commission has no national or local data base recording the skills possessed by the working population, and, since the introduction of voluntary registration for employment in 1982, it had kept no inventory of the skills of the unemployed."

"Although some data from national surveys are available NAO concluded that the commission does not have the information which would enable it to be certain that training is not being provided in skills already in good supply or in surplus and available for use."

The investigation, which centred on the Government's £250 million adult training strategy, insists there must be a "better balance sheet than exists at present of the supply and demand for skills."

"NAO conclude that the commission has an urgent need for at least a comprehensive local labour market intelligence system if the objectives of its training programmes are to be achieved without considerable risk of ineffective expenditure."

The absence of an adequate national system of training standards and certification of competence is also blamed as a "serious impediment" to the effective matching of supply and demand for skills.

The report, which is likely to cause some consternation among ministers, notes that the commission had planned to develop a sophisticated, computer-based intelligence system which would have provided detailed information on training providers and courses. But the plan was scrapped in 1985 because it was too costly, leaving a system which was "unwieldy and difficult to use."

The report will be considered by the Commons public accounts committee next month. The Department of Employment and the MSC declined to comment yesterday on the report's findings.

## Marginals favour private medicine

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Voters in marginal constituencies would like increased co-operation between the National Health Service and the private sector.

An NOP poll commissioned by Bupa, Britain's largest private health insurance company, shows that 75 per cent of the voters in all marginal seats surveyed oppose the abolition of private medicine and 71 per cent would favour more co-operation between the state and private sectors.

Strong support for private medicine was shown in constituencies critical of the Labour Party and the Alliance, where 76 per cent of voters supported the continuation of this provision and 74 per cent thought there should be increased co-operation with the NHS.

Fifty-eight per cent of people intending to vote Labour opposed the abolition of private medicine and half supported a mix of state and private health services, while only 46 per cent of those voters felt the NHS should be the sole health service.

Nearly three-quarters of all

trade union members questioned did not believe that private medicine should be phased out and 69 per cent called for increased co-operation between the NHS and the private sector.

The poll was carried out on 1,908 adults aged over 18 in Labour/Alliance marginals, Conservative marginals, and constituencies held by Conservatives where Alliance were runners up at the last general election. A final category were Conservative seats on Labour's target list of seats which need to be won at the next general election to form a government.

"The key voters are giving us an encouraging message," Mr Bob Graham, Bupa's chief executive, said. "The poll convincingly shows that the public want freedom of choice and believe we have a growing role to play."

All marginal seat voters predicted a growth in the private sector in the future.

The poll was conducted on 21 Labour/Alliance marginal constituencies and 16 Conservative marginals.

## Solicitors rush to merge and survive

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A spate of mergers between solicitors' firms throughout England and Wales has been taking place in the face of growing competition for conveyancing and commercial work.

The mergers are taking place both among big City firms and also small country firms partnerships who want to build up a bigger range of expertise to combat competition from other solicitors and other professions.

Two of the country's largest law firms, Clifford Turner and Coward Chance, are combining from May 1, and two other City firms, Cameron Markby and Richards Butler, both firms with some 40 partners, are negotiating to merge: the former specializes in banking and conveyancing and the latter in shipping.

At the same time, Richards Butler is taking over another firm of solicitors, Knapp-Fishers, so they can boast a wider range of services to clients.

The new firm of Clifford Chance, with its 160 partners, says its combined strength will give it more power in the international market as well as in the "beauty contests" now held by many big companies for one-off pieces of work.

Solicitors' firms in the City increasingly have to tender for work by presentations of their services and expertise.

For smaller firms mergers are more a matter of survival. Three law firms in the South-west have merged to form one of the largest legal partnerships outside London. The new firm, Bevan Ashford, came into being on January 1 with 40 partners and 250 staff.

The firm, based in four regional offices in Swindon, Bristol, Tiverton and Exeter, says it was "conscious of increasing competitive pressure both from specialist City law firms and the high street battle for the conveyancing market."

The three firms - Kinnear and Co., Bevan Hancock and Ashford Sparkes and Harward - agreed they must have a larger practice.

Four other regional firms, based in Plymouth and Exeter, Bristol, Norwich and Cambridge and in Birmingham, are pooling resources, training and computer resources under the logo of the "M5 group" although they are stopping short of a merger.

A recent survey by Peat Marwick showed small solicitors' firms felt threatened both by larger firms and by the prospect of the big financial institutions coming into the conveyancing market.

Small firms of two to three partners in particular saw amalgamation as a life belt. Of 30 firms interviewed, 26 said they would consider merging with other professionals if rules banning mixed partnerships were relaxed.



The artist John Hoyland with his prize-winning abstract painting which goes on exhibition at the Barbican Centre in the City of London from today (Photograph: Stephen Markeson).

## Top award for casual painting

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent

A slightly embarrassed, middle-aged painter professed himself bemused yesterday after being awarded Britain's richest art prize for a work which "just happened to be lying around" in his studio.

Mr John Hoyland, aged 53, won the £25,000 Athena Art Award for an abstract acrylic on canvas, "Zoomia 15.7.86", chosen from 2,000 entries, and now on sale for £6,500 (plus VAT).

He was modest about his success: "I had just sent a lot of work abroad, and this just happened to be one of the few I had available for exhibit."

Mr Hoyland, who was born in Sheffield and lives in London, is widely respected as an artist. In 1979 he was selector of the Hayward Annual, and in 1983 he won first prize in the John Moores Competition.

He was unable to give a literal translation of his latest award winner, which he had "messed about with" for about a week last summer. "It doesn't represent anything really. There are forms, pauses and rhythms in the work, but it's not a visual equivalent for anything else. It's a thing in its own right. You make of it what you will."

The competitive instinct evidently played no part in his achievement. "I find competitions at my advanced age slightly embarrassing. It's a bit like going in for a beauty contest."

Mr Hoyland was uncertain whether the award would boost his earnings, but he hoped it would draw attention to an exhibition of his work now at the Waddington Galleries in London.

A member of the judging panel said the decision had been clear-cut. It had endorsed the mainstream of British painting by honouring an established artist, rather than a younger, more experimental contemporary.

Seven other artists were each awarded £1,000, and Athena plans to produce a limited edition of prints of all eight short-listed entries.

An exhibition of 150 entries opens at the Barbican Centre in London today. All are for sale, ranging in price from £40 to the £6,500 for the winner.

## Doctor couple to face trial

A husband and wife, who are both doctors at the same health clinic, were committed for trial to Tannet Crown Court by magistrates at Glastonbury, Somerset, yesterday accused of dishonestly obtaining a total of £245.45 from the NHS.

Dr Susan Openshaw, aged 61, and her husband, Dr William Openshaw, aged 63, who is also medical officer at Milfield school in Street, Somerset, live at Bottown, Glastonbury. Dr Susan Openshaw is a former mayor of Glastonbury.

The authority upheld a complaint from an employer who found that young workers were required to possess a special card and to have exhausted eligibility for the separate Youth Training Scheme.

The recovery operation will be conducted by an international consortium that has hired a Cornish company, SAR Diving, for some of the work.

The Medina lies in darkness at a depth of 210ft, and much of the work will have to be done by touch. Jet pumps will be used to cut through the alluvial silt that has built up around the wreck. The divers will need to spend up to 40 hours in decompressing chambers after each descent.

Mr Nick Sinclair-Brown, a representative of the consortium, described the £250,000 operation as a "gamble".

"It's an interesting cargo,

## Irish election Haughey faces the Factor

By Richard Ford

Ever since Mr Charles Haughey took over as the head of Fianna Fail, he and his party have been haunted by the phenomenon known as the "Haughey Factor".

As a weapon, it has been used with relish by Mr Haughey's opponents, and damaged the party in past general elections, which have been dominated by the personalities of Dr Garret FitzGerald and Mr Haughey. It also caused internal warfare within the Fianna Fail organization, which led to the birth of a new party in the republic.

So damaging was it four years ago that for part of the campaign the Fianna Fail leader disappeared from public view.

Although less effective than previously, the "Haughey Factor" still has not been laid to rest. Instead Mr Haughey has sought to neutralize it by confronting the "Factor".

head-on and accusing his opponents of resurrecting it out of desperation and panic.

His rivals suspect that Mr Haughey and his strategists are tacitly recognizing the damage the "Haughey Factor" could do to the party, particularly among the high proportion of "don't knows" in the last week of the campaign.

A succession of critical comments on Mr Haughey's suitability to hold the office of prime minister have been made by opponents.

The deputy leader of Fine Gael appealed to people who did not want Mr Haughey as prime minister to support his party and then accused the opposition leader of equivocation on the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Although Fine Gael denies it is using the "Haughey Factor" as a tactic to reduce the opposition's overwhelming lead in the opinion polls its

strategists recognize that mistrust of Mr Haughey remains high among the middle classes.

Mr Haughey's acquittal in the 1970 arms trial, Dr FitzGerald's reference to his "flawed pedigree", his scandal-ridden second administration in which a murderer was arrested in the Attorney General's house and journalists' phones tapped, are just some of the ingredients making up the Factor.

Mr Haughey is complaining of being tired of personalized attacks but such is his confidence he is prepared to mention in public what up until now has been a taboo subject. At a meeting in Co Clare he said: "The other parties are now so desperate they have decided to resurrect the Haughey Factor. Well I want to tell them that Charles Haughey will always be a factor in Irish politics."

## Heysel spectator tells of anxiety

Liverpool football fans who bought tickets from touts at the 1985 European Cup final found themselves mixed in with Juventus supporters and unable to get out, a London court was told yesterday.

Police at the Heysel stadium in Belgium, where 36 people died after a wall collapsed during a riot, were reluctant to

let the Liverpool supporters move.

"The Italians were all looking over us. We were outnumbered and a bit anxious," one Liverpool supporter, Mr Steven McDonald, aged 19, told police. The statement was quoted at Highbury Magistrates' Court where 26 Liverpool fans face extradition to Belgium on charges

of manslaughter.

Mr McDonald and a friend, Mr Terry Wilson, aged 20, did eventually get to the Liverpool end.

Mr McDonald is alleged to have said that Liverpool fans should not have felt guilty about behaviour which was blamed for the deaths in the stadium.

The hearing continues.

## Third of airline seats are not filled

More than one in three aircraft seats was empty last year as airlines world-wide competed for a bigger share of the market (Our Air Correspondent writes).

International Air Transport Association figures show that there were 198 million passengers in 1986 and international traffic increased by about 4 per cent.

But as new airlines came into being and existing airlines increased flights on many routes, load factors slumped to 62 per cent. This means that, on average, well over a third of seats were unfilled.

Airlines look for a load factor of around 65 per cent to break even.

## Drug death sentences cut

Two heroin addicts, Andrew and Marion Russell, who were jailed for killing their baby daughter with an overdose of a heroin substitute, won cuts in their sentences yesterday.

The Court of Appeal reduced their respective 10 and seven-year sentences for manslaughter and child cruelty to eight and six years. The couple, both aged 38, of Lambeth, south London, lost their appeals against conviction.

## Rare goose comes back

Mr David Paynter, a warden at Sir Peter Scott's wild-fowl trust at Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, has sighted a species of goose that normally winters in the Balkans and is rarely seen in Britain.

The lesser white-front was last seen at Slimbridge three years ago. The first recorded sighting there was made by Sir Peter 40 years ago, and was one of the reasons he set up the trust where he did.

## Norway fights reactor plan

Two hundred thousand people, about 5 per cent of the Norwegian population, have signed a petition against British plans for a fast nuclear reactor at Dounreay.

The petition is to be delivered to Downing Street on February 20.

## Net losses

Salmon net fishermen on the Tweed in Northumberland have agreed to postpone the start of the season for six weeks, until early April, to conserve stocks and because of poor early season catches in recent years.

## Costs keep motorists out of garages

By Daniel Ward

Almost half of Britain's male motorists and 80 per cent of women drivers never service their own cars and even those that do are motivated simply by the need to save money or a lack of trust in garages.

A light bulb is the part motorists are most likely to change without calling on the services of a garage, thereby saving a labour charge of £6 to replace the 85p bulb.

Half of Britain's female do-it-yourself motorists change their own spark plugs - saving £15 in labour costs - and one in five will tackle replacement of the exhaust system, a report discloses today. The average labour cost is now £20 an hour.

The report by economists says that the cost of routine servicing has declined by up to 75 per cent during the past five years as servicing has become simpler and service intervals have been greatly extended. It still costs a householder on average £27 a week to run a car (18.9p a mile).

## Warning on adverts blitz by 'fax' machines

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

Junk mail companies are using office facsimile machines to bombard businesses with advertising.

They have started to harness Britain's network of 200,000 "machines" used to transmit documents over telephone lines, as a way to deliver sales promotions.

But in a report published today by the Advertising Standards Authority, the practice is condemned as a danger. If the use of "junk fax" grows too greatly it could obstruct the intended business uses of fax machines, the authority states.

"Junk fax" is a phenomenon, according to the association which admits it has no authority to control it. The "junk fax" trend is different from any other form of advertising, because it imposes a direct cost on the recipient.

"If this paper is too often taken up by printing unwanted advertising material, the outcome is not likely to rebound to the credit of the

hapless advertisers - or to that of the advertising business," the authority says.

In other actions, the authority upheld a complaint against British Nuclear Fuels over a national press advertisement billing the Calder Hall complex at Sellafield as the world's first commercial nuclear power station.

The authority said that commercial power generation at Calder Hall was secondary to its use as a facility to produce plutonium for defence purposes.

The Department of Employment was censured for a press advertisement promoting the New Workers Scheme which stated that employers faced "no red tape" and "no strings".

The authority upheld a complaint from an employer who found that young workers were required to possess a special card and to have exhausted eligibility for the separate Youth Training Scheme.

## Divers to seek art treasures

An international salvage operation is to be launched in an attempt to recover art treasures from an ocean liner and former Royal Yacht that was sunk by a U-boat 70 years ago.

The Medina, a 500 ft P&O ship, was on her way to London from Sydney when she was torpedoed and sank off Dart Point, Devon, on April 28, 1917. Five people died in the explosion that tore a gaping hole in her hull.

In Bombay the liner had picked up Lord Carmichael, the outgoing Governor of Bengal and one of the Empire's wealthiest and most avid art collectors. His collection of Indian and Far Eastern artefacts went down with the ship, along with a cargo of copper tin and lead worth £100,000 at

today's prices.

The recovery operation will be conducted by an international consortium that has hired a Cornish company, SAR Diving, for some of the work.

The Medina lies in darkness at a depth of 210ft, and much of the work will have to be done by touch. Jet pumps will be used to cut through the alluvial silt that has built up around the wreck. The divers will need to spend up to 40 hours in decompressing chambers after each descent.

about which not an awful lot is known," he said. "If Lord Carmichael's belongings are found in reasonable condition, they stand a good chance of financing the operation in terms of their value as objects of historical and artistic significance."

The Medina carried 660 passengers and was built for the fortnightly Australian mail run. She was sunk while on her way to Tilbury from Plymouth where many of her passengers had disembarked. The War Office, aware of the dangers, had transferred Lord Carmichael to a Royal Naval vessel in Alexandria.

Just after she was built in 1911 she was chartered as a Royal Yacht to take George V and Queen Mary to India.

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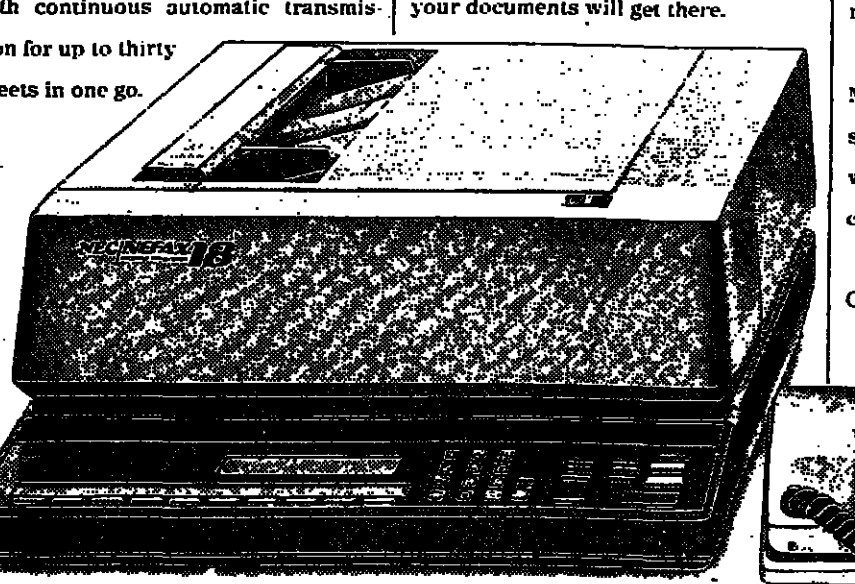
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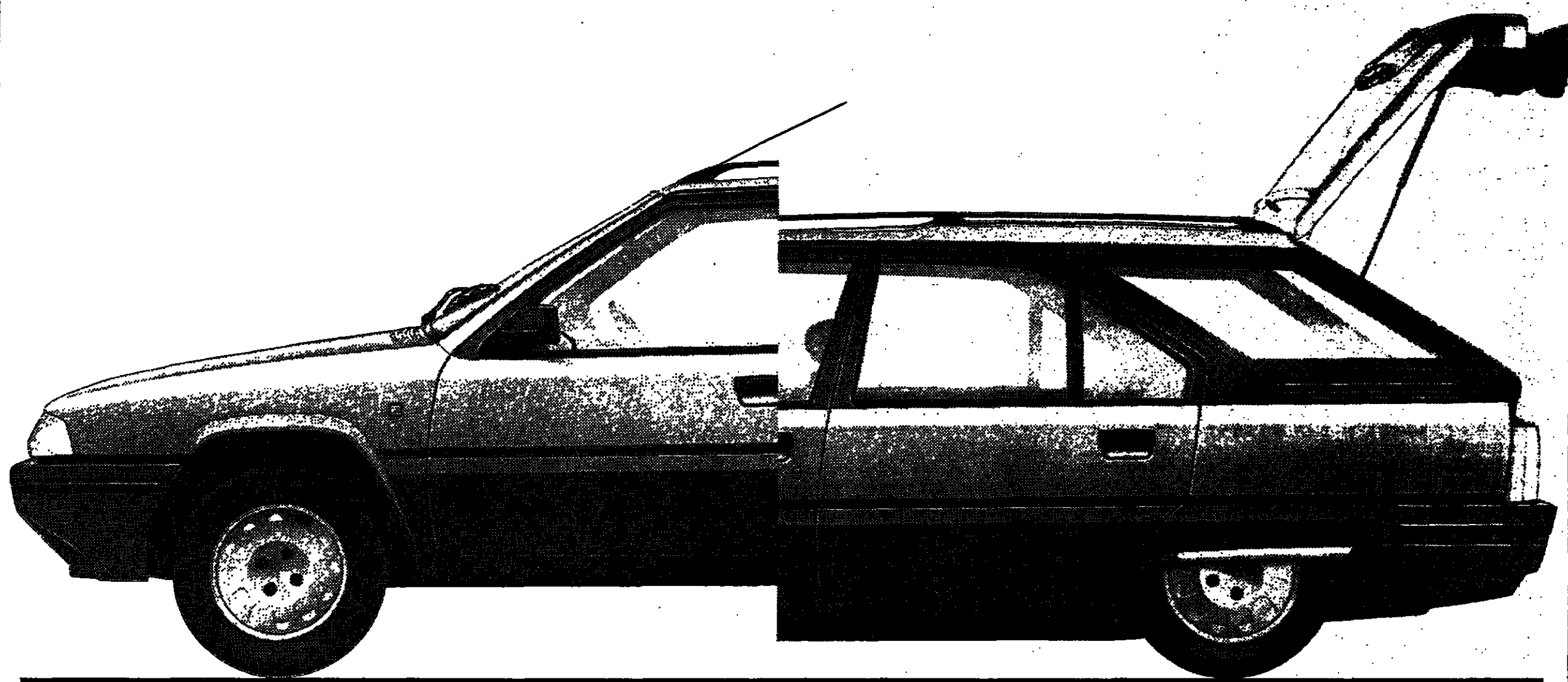
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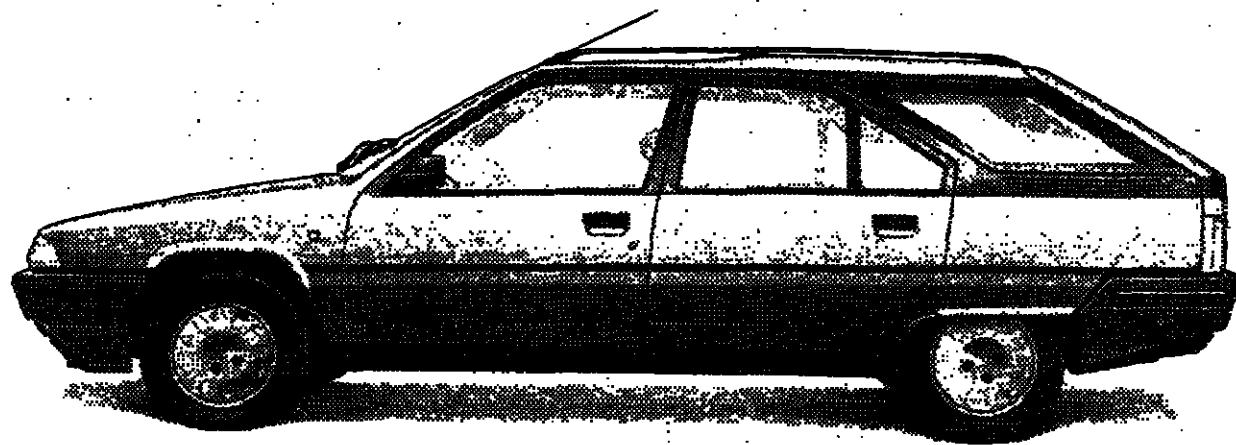
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## WORLD SUMMARY

US-Russian talks  
on atom tests stall

Geneva — Both the United States and the Soviet Union have acknowledged failure to make headway in the fourth round of negotiations on nuclear tests, now adjourned until March 16 (Alan MacGregor writes). In two-and-a-half weeks of meetings they were unable to agree even on what the discussions should be called. The Russians want the title to include "comprehensive test ban" whereas the Americans will go no further than "nuclear testing negotiations".

Similarly, the US perceives discussions as confined initially to techniques for effective verification of the 150-kiloton limit set in the 1974 and 1976 threshold treaties. While the Soviet side has now agreed to talk about verifying those treaties, it also seeks simultaneous consideration of further steps after their ratification.

● WASHINGTON: President Reagan yesterday met top advisers to discuss the direction of the Strategic Defence Initiative and how his Administration should consult Congress and the allies on the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty (Michael Binyon writes).

## Storm greets Princess

Abu Dhabi (Reuters) — Princess Anne faced a desert sandstorm yesterday to greet schoolchildren in Abu Dhabi on the first day of a four-nation Middle East tour.

The Princess arrived from Western Australia to attend an outdoor swimming competition at the British-run al Khubairat community school, and even remarked on how cool the weather was by comparison.

Earlier she had met the President of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahayan, and other officials of Abu Dhabi emirate. Her five-day programme includes visits to the oasis city of al-Ain, a dairy farm in Ras al-Khaimah and two nights in the trading city of Dubai, where she is due to stay in the ruler's guest palace.

Pressure on Botha  
Gloom on Chad

Washington — President Reagan's advisory committee on South Africa, which is about to publish its findings, will call for tougher sanctions against the Pretoria Government unless it moves quickly towards dismantling apartheid (Christopher Thomas writes).

Mr Reagan established the committee in 1985 as part of a series of steps to try to dissuade Congress from introducing tough measures against Pretoria. But it seems to have backfired on him.

Township axed, page 8

Paris (Reuters) — M. Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, and Mr. Denis Sassou-Nguesso, chairman of the Organization of African Unity, yesterday voiced pessimism on prospects for a peaceful settlement in Chad.

But both pledged to continue diplomatic efforts for a deal involving the withdrawal of foreign troops.

Mr Sassou-Nguesso, who is President of Congo and architect of a three-point Chad peace plan already rebuffed by Chad and France, repeated his pleas for compromise.

## Birth rate worries

Bonn — The West German Government's concern about a low birth rate that threatens its troop commitments to Nato and the viability of pensions was not eased by a report presented to the Cabinet yesterday (John England writes).

It showed that West German women last year had a total of 624,000 babies, 40,000 more than in 1985. But that was about 225,000 fewer live births than were needed to match the death rate and help stop the Germans disappearing.

West Germany has had the world's lowest annual birth rate since 1974, and the report forecasts that the native population will drop by 14 million by the year 2030.

## Election in Hesse

Bonn — New state elections are to be held in Hesse in April following the breakup of the coalition of Social Democrats (SPD) and Greens in a dispute over a nuclear plant (John England writes).

This follows the dismissal of Herr Joschka Fischer, the Green Environment Minister, by Herr Holger Börner, the SPD Prime Minister, after Herr Fischer threatened to resign if a plutonium plant remained in operation.



## Tango at last

Reuters — After consulting film experts, a Rome judge has ruled that *Last Tango in Paris*, the 1972 film starring Marion Brando, left, and Maria Schneider, was no longer offensive to public decency and ended an 11-year ban against the film in Italy.

## More care pledged for women

From Alastair Matheson, Nairobi

The World Bank launched a major international strategy here yesterday to reduce by half the number of women's deaths in childbirth within ten years. This is the Bank's latest contribution to family planning programmes in developing countries.

Giving details of the World Bank plan, its new president, Mr Barber Conable, told the opening session in Nairobi of a global conference on "Save Motherhood" that the Bank plans to double the amount of money it will lend for population, health and nutrition activities in developing countries over the next three years.

By 1990 he expects the Bank will be directly assisting projects in 50 countries, with an annual expenditure of up to \$500 million (£330 million).

Noting that the number of deaths from childbirth is now about 500,000 a year, mostly in Africa and South Asia, Mr Conable outlined the key features of what he termed "a major new strategy for women in developing countries".

This will include stronger community-based health care, more hospitals and health centres to deal with obstetric emergencies, and an "alarm" and transport system for pregnant women.

Pressure from South Africa  
Maputo hit by rail rate cuts

The South African Government is subsidizing rates on its nationalized railway system to entice more business to its black neighbour states, the British Minister for Overseas Development, Mr Christopher Patten, was told in Mozambique yesterday.

The tactic, which has been employed for almost a year, is designed partly to buy commercial advantage, but also to increase the strategic leverage which Pretoria employs against frontline states. Already some 85 per cent of their imports and exports go through South Africa. Discounting the tariffs is designed to increase that still further.

"South African Railways have lowered their tariffs to such an extent that it is now cheaper for firms in Zimbabwe, and even Zambia, to take their goods through Port Elizabeth than it is via Maputo," a Mozambican port official told Mr Patten. Even goods which did go through Maputo often had to travel initially via South Africa, which could make a substantial surcharge.

The discounted rates are tied into long-term contracts which make it difficult for businesses in neighbouring states to extricate themselves from the deals in any change of political circumstances.

White House under pressure from arms and hostage crises  
Stress of Irangate takes heavy toll on Reagan's advisers

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The stress of the daily revelations, political scandal and grueling congressional hearings on the Iran affair is taking its toll on President Reagan's advisers. Robert McFarlane, recovering from an overdose of valium, is just one of the many embroiled in the controversy who is now paying with his nerves for past loyal service.

Mr William Casey, the former Central Intelligence Agency director, suffered seizures and had an emergency operation for a cancerous brain tumour in December after almost a week of continuous testimony on Capitol Hill. His tumour and cancer were already afflicting

him, but doctors said that the stress of his questioning probably induced the seizures.

The mental anguish of those in the thick of the controversy has been plain to see on their faces. Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, mercilessly mocked, blamed and lambasted in papers and on television throughout America, had tears in his eyes and a voice close to cracking when he told the House of Representatives: "I don't know there is another person in America that wants to tell this story as much as I do."

As he invoked the Fifth Amendment against self-incrimination, one congressman remarked that he had "never seen more anguish or distress in the face of an individual

who had had to testify before this committee".

But Colonel North, besieged by reporters and photographers as he goes to church, drives his car or steps outside his Virginia home with his family, is not cracking under the strain. He winds down his car window to exchange pleasantries and refuse comment. He tells friends with whom he dines that he is amused by the more bizarre stories he reads of his escapades, and that the truth is more mundane.

Vice-Admiral John Poindexter, the former National Security Adviser, portrayed an image of pipe-smoking composure as he too faced the congressional inquisitors. Like Colonel North, his religion has

probably sustained him. His wife has just been appointed an Episcopalian clergyman.

But he has new worries to face over his rank and pension. Unless President Reagan recommends an exception to the Senate, he will lose a star and revert to being a rear-admiral. The Senate is in no mood to make the exception, and the US Navy is trying quietly to persuade him to accept demotion. He has reportedly refused.

Within the White House, the full heat of the scandal has fallen on Mr Donald Regan, the Chief of Staff, who is being blamed widely for having allowed the fiasco to happen. A man of legendary obstinacy, he has stood firm in the face of repeated calls and pressure for his

resignation. But even he has appeared harassed and distraught, and kept himself from public view.

As for President Reagan himself, the stress of Iran has perhaps been the most powerful factor in embittering and demoralizing him. In a rare display of anger, he admitted that his heart was full of bile and said he was not going to "crawl into a hole".

But since then friends have reported him bitter and bewildered by the sudden change in his fortunes. He has been distracted at meetings with congressmen and withdrawn from public view. The President has lost his jauntiness and, partly because of his recent prostate operation, has suddenly begun to look old.

Angry Shultz  
denounces  
kidnappers  
as 'animals'

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, has denounced as animals the Palestinians holding American hostages in Lebanon.

"We want to figure out a way to raise the cost to those animals," he told a group of American Legion officers this week.

There are various ways of doing that, and I believe that, no, we shouldn't be running around using our capacity for force right and left. But they have to know there are situations where we will do it. And that will sober a few people up."

He observed that the hostage problem is a tough one for the US because "we are a sympathetic people and we all feel, as the President does, when an American overseas is kidnapped, we're kicked around, and we're going to do something about it."

Mr Shultz made his remarks after the threatened deadline on Monday for killing three American professors held hostage was extended. He did not refer specifically to that threat.

Meanwhile it was revealed that the Reagan Administration has not discussed with Israel the question of freeing 400 Arab prisoners which the Palestinian group threatening to kill the hostages has demanded.

A White House spokesman

emphasized that "we will not pay ransom for hostages, and we will not encourage others to do so, and we won't comment on any particular course of action."

The US has deployed two aircraft carrier battle groups in the eastern Mediterranean as a precautionary measure.

● JERUSALEM: Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, repeated yesterday that Israel has not been approached to free the 400 prisoners and suggested that the Islamic Jihad organization must have had "some other reason" not to carry out its threat to kill the hostages (David Bernstein writes).

He was sceptical of the proposal made by Mr Nabih Berri, the Shia Muslim Amal leader, to include a captured Israeli airman in any proposed exchange.

Apart from the navigator held by Amal, two Israeli soldiers kidnapped in southern Lebanon six months ago are being held by the Islamic Jihad and four others believed to have been captured during the 1982 invasion of Lebanon are still unaccounted for.

● FRANKFURT: Mr Philip Eng, a Canadian engineer, said yesterday that he felt fine after arriving in Tehran, after being held in detention by Iranian authorities since December.

Red Cross in deal for  
exchange of hostages

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controlled by Ayatollah Khomeini's son Ahmed — appealed for Mr Waite's release, describing him in flattering terms as "an intrepid English knight who searches for peace and who, like Robin Hood, set out for Lebanon with courage and boldness to free American hostages in the hands of terrorists".

However curious the parallel to Robin Hood, this extraordinary accolade — which also referred to the British envoy as a "legendary hero" — may well have been the first response of Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, to appeals specifically made to him last week by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

In Beirut, meanwhile, the wives of the three most recent American hostages thanked

the "Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine" for sparing their husbands' lives.

A statement read at a press conference by Mrs Feryal Polhill, wife of Professor Robert Polhill of the Beirut University College, said the women thanked them "from the bottom of their hearts for showing compassion towards their beloved husbands".

"Once again, we urge the American Administration to spare no effort in persuading Israel to release the 400 Palestinian *Mujahedin* (sic). Man is born free and he has the right to remain so. Freedom should never be categorised. Freedom is for all."

Mrs Virginia Steen, wife of Professor Alann Steen, was clearly in an optimistic mood, asking her husband through the medium of the press conference if he realised that the New York Giants football team had won their latest game.



Mrs Bader Turner, wife of one of the Americans held in Lebanon, reads a letter from Mr Alann Steen pleading for his life and those of other hostages. With her are Mrs Ferial Polhill, left, and Mrs Virginia Steen, the wives of his companions.

Family in  
plea for  
held Briton

By Nicholas Beeston

Three hundred days after a British journalist was seized in Beirut and disappeared without a trace, his friends and colleagues appealed to his abductors yesterday to identify themselves and put forward their demands.

Nothing has been heard of Mr John McCarthy, aged 30, the acting bureau chief of Worldview Television News in Beirut, since his car was intercepted and he was driven away at gunpoint in April.

At a London press conference his girlfriend, Miss Jill Morrell, asked the kidnappers to "say why you are holding him and what you want".

Miss Morrell and a colleague of Mr McCarthy, Mr Nick Toksyg, visited Cyprus and Syria over Christmas to ask leaders in the region for help in locating him.

Mrs Sheila McCarthy, his mother, has appeared on Lebanese television three times for news of her son. Her appeals have so far remained unanswered.

Mr Terry Waite, the Anglican envoy, said before his disappearance in Lebanon more than three weeks ago that he had information that Mr McCarthy was alive.

Miss Morrell described the envoy's disappearance as a terrible blow to hopes that the journalist might be freed, but said that she intended to return to the region and continue contacts with Lebanese leaders.

People like the commander of the T 55 tank aimed at the camp say without any trace of sympathy that, no doubt, after nearly four months of siege, life inside Bourj el-Barajneh and the neighbouring shanty towns must be miserable. "Even war has become more difficult," he admitted. "The rubble of the buildings we've been hitting has been piling up, giving the Palestinians

Palestinian refugees starve  
just yards from fruit seller

From Juan Carlos Guncuio, Beirut

Less than 200 yards from the front line dividing Palestinian starvation from the adequate life of the Lebanese Shia Muslim population of Bourj el-Barajneh, a street vendor was yesterday selling tangerines, oranges and potatoes.

His loud, monotonous litany of produce was probably audible to the Palestinians inside their shattered camp. If they have been given permission by their religious leaders to "eat human flesh", as a last resort, the food that is needed to

● No one... knows the real magnitude of their own misfortune ●

sustain them was not as distant as the vendor's battered cart.

Were it not for the occasional gunfire, life on the perimeter of the besieged Palestinian camp seemed perfectly normal. Schoolgirls in neat blue uniforms and white scarves mingled and giggled in corners on their way home. Young militiamen armed with automatic weapons yawned and smoked as they let the twisting columns of honking cars pass through old cement roadblocks adorned with portraits of Shia Muslim leaders and the local "martyrs".

Weed is already growing over the huge earth mounds blocking the streets that once led to the camp. And no one, except the thousands of refugees trapped amid the ruins of hundreds of houses blown up by artillery fire, knows the real magnitude of their own misfortune.

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new barricades and tank traps."

Since the eruption of the latest, savage round of the war of the camps, Shia Muslim forces of the Amal militia and Muslim units of Lebanon's divided Army have maintained an implacable ring around the Bourj el-Barajneh and Chatila camps. Palestinian guerrillas, most of them loyal to Mr Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, have been resisting fiercely daily attacks with the confidence of an Army prepared for a long war.

Since a major Amal onslaught in the summer, the Palestinians had stocked up food, medicine and fuel. They knew that the conflict this time would be longer, because at stake were PLO plans to return to Beirut after its expulsion by the Israeli Army in the invasion of 1982. No one — not Mr Arafat nor the Amal militia and its Syrian-backed leaders, and certainly not the thousands of Palestinian refugees now trying to survive — appeared to have ever thought that this war could drag on for so long.

Chilling reports about life inside the besieged camps have leaked out through radio contact or on scraps of paper smuggled across Amal lines. No foreign or Lebanese reporter has actually entered the camps to verify the reports of children starving to death.

"The situation is critical and inhuman," said a report signed by a foreign medical team working in the camp. "There is no flour, no fresh food and no pregnant women and children are becoming undernourished. People are eating stale food and suffering vomiting and diarrhoea.... Water has to be collected from taps in the street at great personal risk. Several women have been shot by snipers while collecting water for their families."

That report, however, was of more than one week ago. The latest was so astonishing that it became the base for a strong protest by Mr Zehli Labib

Terzi, the PLO observer to the United Nations. Mr Terzi said in New York that Palestinian refugees had asked Muslim religious leaders for special permission to eat human flesh because they were starving.

"It is rather traumatizing to think that people can reach a stage of starvation when they can ask for an edict or some permission that they can eat the flesh of the fish because they don't have anything else to eat," he said.

The request in question has never been seen and it is unclear to whom it was specifically addressed.

Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, the most prominent Shia Muslim scholar in Lebanon, yesterday was quoted as saying that "a Fatwa, or religious decree to allow people to eat human flesh is only tolerated when all kinds of other food cease to exist. It is in this case only that eating the flesh of the dead becomes permissible."

The sheikh appeared to be giving credence to reports that, at least until yesterday,

● Refugees asked permission to eat human flesh because they were starving ●

Palestinian children were catching rats to eat when he said "the situation in the camp has not reached that dimension."

These reports have prompted King Hassan of Morocco to propose parachuting food supplies over Bourj el-Barajneh to relieve the situation, which he said had attained "a degree of indescribable atrocity". The West German Government, for its part, has expressed its "deep concern".

The organizations that could play a more practical role, such as the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), are powerless in the face of the brutality of the war of the camps, which has claimed about 750 lives in four months.

£2.3bn butter deal gets  
ministers' approval

From Our Correspondent, Brussels

European Community agriculture ministers yesterday gave the political go-ahead for a £2.3 billion loan to the EEC to dispose of the butter mountain. Under the EEC plan, 1,030,000 tonnes will be sliced out of the Community's butter stocks, leaving just over a quarter of a million tonnes.

Britain, with 20 per cent of the stocks, will finance one-fifth of the scheme at a cost of more than £400 million to the taxpayer. Repayment with 7 per cent interest is due over four years starting in 1989.

Only a small part of the butter — 130,000 tonnes over two years — will go to the consumer in the form of cheap butter sales and charity distributions. The rest will be

Rome has the edge at  
Anglo-Italian summit

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

The first Anglo-Italian summit meeting at which the British will arguably be the poor cousins is to be held today, with financial matters dominating the talks.

Signor Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister, and five ministers of his five-party coalition will no doubt be too polite to mention economic indicators which give Italy a slight edge in the European pecking order.

Mrs Thatcher, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, Mr Michael Jopling, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, may take comfort in rival figures suggesting that the upturn in oil prices

should move Britain fractionally ahead.

The wealth stakes have been made relevant by a plan under consideration by the European Commission to use gross domestic product as the basis for calculating each country's contribution to the EEC.

The Italians are in favour of, and the British against, making the plan the only important bilateral issue between them. Rome argues that the change could have the effect of Italy paying more than Britain. Whitehall replies that both would pay more.

With Italy certainly and Britain probably in an election year, both governments have sidestepped the thorny issue of nuclear power.

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## Rich area with a manpower problem

## Gorbachov's hard task in enticing pioneers to strategic Far East

From Christopher Walker, Khabarovsk, Soviet Far East

Physically remote, strategically vital and afflicted with one of the world's harshest climates, the Soviet Far East is a vast and little known region which until very recently had been studiously ignored by all but the military planners based in the Kremlin more than 5,000 miles away.

All this changed dramatically last July when Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, arrived to pay his first visit to the area — which accounts for 27 per cent of the whole Soviet land mass — and declared in a keynote speech delivered in its main port of Vladivostok that "the Soviet Union is an Asia-Pacific country".

He also made a series of Western-style walkabouts in which he listened to a string of local complaints and then savagely denounced the poor level of services being provided to its estimated 7.7 million inhabitants (nearly 80 per cent of them native Russians).

The visit was seen as a turning point in the fortunes of a fascinating but long-neglected area, which even today takes a minimum eight-hour flight from the capital. Delays are commonplace.

"It was a signal to Soviet officials that the Cinderella status of the Far East was over," one Western diplomat said.

Mr Gorbachov's initiative, which, as well as its sweeping geopolitical connotations for the whole Pacific region, also contained a specific pledge to transform the Far East into "a major centre for domestic and international tourism", was followed last week by a visit by Western journalists, the first to be organized for many years.

Although Vladivostok, the headquarters of the Pacific Red Banner Fleet, remained strictly off limits (as it has to Western newsmen for decades, with the sole exception

of some Americans permitted access for the 1974 Brezhnev-Ford talks), we were given unusually free access to those very officials who had borne the brunt of Mr Gorbachov's anger for the poor quality of local living conditions.

In keeping with the new spirit of *glasnost* (openness) which has even penetrated deep into the Siberian *taiga* — the sub-Arctic coniferous forest which stretches relentlessly across much of the region's 2.4 million square miles — a number admitted personal responsibility for the mistakes of the past, but at the same time hinting that new funds needed for investment had not yet arrived from Moscow.

Shortages common in Moscow and Leningrad are much exaggerated here, where young people can wait 10 years or more to obtain their own flat. And even when they have secured it they are faced with a frustrating absence of the basic furniture necessary to make it habitable.

Since Mr Gorbachov's visit, local furniture production has been stepped up by 20 per cent.

Rich in large but often inaccessible supplies of more than 30 minerals, including gold, silver, iron ore, lignite and zinc, the Far East is attempting to lure labour from less testing areas of the Soviet Union, by offering wages that can reach up to 60 per cent above the national average and which have been increased recently as part of a new development programme.

Even so, about a third of those who migrate to the area from other parts of the Communist state fail to make the necessary adjustments to a climate where the wind-chill factor can push temperatures in some areas as low as minus 140 C, and whose coastline is largely frozen in winter and

bedevilled by thick fog through the summer and autumn.

In the expanding port city of Nakhodka, 112 miles along from Vladivostok, the average age of residents in the gaunt, concrete apartment blocks which stretch back from the crane-scarred coastline of the Sea of Japan, is only 29.

"Our central planning system cannot make changes immediately," Mr Gennady Kartov, the local Communist Party chief, a quick-witted man, aged 44, and very much in the Gorbachov mould, explained.

"As yet, I cannot say that anything has really changed since Mr Gorbachov's visit. We are still awaiting the cash to make the investments to fulfil the new policies."

"In housing, for example, we need another 1.8 million square metres here, to add to the 2.1 million already built in the city."

Dominated by the Amur river (home of the giant Kaluga fish, which can weigh up to a ton each), the Soviet Far East, like other parts of Siberia further to the west, attracts a bizarre combination of Soviet dropouts, hard workers seeking a fast route, and romantics still possessed with the pioneering spirit.

Tanya Kossach, aged 26, a resident of Khabarovsk whose family originally came here from the Ukraine, explained: "Life here is much more adventurous than in any other part of the country I know. I think that it makes Moscow look very dreary."

## Yemen talks

Moscow (Reuters) — Mr Yegor Ligachov, who is in effect the deputy to Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, opened talks with Mr Ali Salem al-Bidh, leader of the ruling South Yemen Socialist Party.

## Sikh challenge may be met

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

The embattled state Government of Punjab in north India will suffer further humiliation today at the hands of Sikh religious zealots when Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, the Chief Minister, is summoned to appear before the five chief priests of the Golden Temple of Amritsar.

The summons is part of the deliberate tightening of the screws on his moderate Sikh Government by the extremists, and poses renewed problems both for him and for the central Government of Mr Rajiv Gandhi, who has been monitoring developments with a Cabinet panel.

Last night members of Mr Surjit Singh's party seemed ready to take on the challenge by unanimously urging him not to appear. They recommended instead that he send

an emissary and a message saying that he had done nothing in his personal capacity but had only conveyed the party's decisions and resolutions to the high priests.

The chief priests of the Golden Temple, the highest religious body in the Sikh religion, have declared the Chief Minister *tanhaiya* — that is to say, guilty of being in the pay of the enemies of the religion. He has been summoned to appear in the temple at the Akal Takht, the immortal seat of Sikh power, both religious and temporal.

The actual Takht building was where Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, the terrorist

an elected committee, passed to the zealot faction late last year, and the then high priests were replaced by others with more extreme views. The new head priest of the Akal Takht, Mr Darshan Singh Ragi, has produced a religious edict instructing the various factions of the Sikh political party, the Akali Dal, to unite.

To facilitate this unity, the head priest ordered Mr Surjit Singh to resign as Chief Minister. He has so far declined to do so.

If he can give no satisfactory response to his inquisitors today, there is every likelihood that he could be excommunicated.

Meanwhile, Sikh gunmen yesterday shot and killed the son of a senior state police official as he waited for a bus in Patiala.



President Reagan and Dennis Conner, the first American to lose the America's Cup who regained it by beating Kookaburra III of Australia, with the cup at a White House party.

## Political referendum in Egypt

## Outlawed Brotherhood in challenge to Mubarak

From Ian Murray, Cairo

It is easy enough to find the office of Mr Gaber Rizka, spokesman for the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood. It is up a dark but once grand staircase above Souk Tewfikya in the heart of Cairo.

It is difficult even there, however, to find anyone opposed to President Hosni Mubarak's decision to call a referendum tomorrow to dissolve the three-year-old Peoples Assembly and to hold fresh elections under new electoral rules.

All five legal opposition parties have welcomed the move, and the President has every reason to be confident that by next October the new Assembly will nominate him virtually by acclamation to a second term in office. He must hope that that will give him the secure power base he needs both to confront Egypt's des-

perate economic problem and to continue his efforts to bring his country back into the Arab fold without abandoning the Camp David peace treaty with Israel.

But the opposition, both legal and illegal, has welcomed the referendum only because they see in it a chance of breaking the stranglehold of the ruling National Democratic Party (NDP) on politics.

Mr Rizka, editor of the banned newspaper *Dawa*, believes that "if the elections are held properly" Muslim Brother-

hood supporters would be the largest group in the new Assembly.

Realistically, however, he accepts that "the change will come gradually, as the people exercise their Islamic voice

and choose their representatives". Meanwhile he works openly in his office above the souk, proof that Mr Mubarak allows more criticism than Egypt has grown used to in the past. This openness appears to have helped to cure the malaise which led to a mutiny by dissatisfied police cadets a year ago.

Mr Rizka explained: "We are illegal, but we do legal things. You have to make a difference between thoughts and actions. We are not a party, but an idea."

The NDP is considerably more than an idea. It won 392 of the 448 elected seats three years ago under a proportional representation system, in which all candidates had to be members of a political party capable of winning at least 8 per cent of the votes.

Only by acting as an umbrella organization could the opposition New Wafd Party win enough support to cross

that threshold. It had nominally 56 members, nine of them today known supporters of the Brotherhood.

It was because the present electoral system was certain to be declared unconstitutional

● We are illegal, but we do legal things; we are not a party ●

by the courts this summer that Mr Mubarak called the referendum. A lawyer, Mr Kamal Khaled, is on the point of winning the right to stand as an independent, thus ending the party-list electoral system.

These changes give the opposition a better chance, and ensure seats for 48 independents, who may or may not support the NDP.

The Government's first five-year plan ends in June. Dr Kamal el-Ganzouri, the Minister of Planning, has just reported that it succeeded in

resurfacing 3,000 miles of road, relaying 600 miles of railway track, erecting a maze of Cairo flyovers, renovating all the public-sector factories and installing a \$1 million sewer pipe for east Cairo.

Dr Youssef Waly, the Minister of Agriculture, has announced that food imports have fallen even though the population has risen by seven million over the five years. Even the animals are supposed to be better fed.

In the office above the souk they do not count tinned roads and tonnes of fodder, but see in the population explosion the votes that will one day turn Egypt democratically into a Sunni Islamic republic.

● Talks on debts: A Soviet delegation visiting Cairo for an Afro-Soviet symposium is also expected to discuss Egypt's military and civilian debts to Moscow. Foreign Ministry sources said yesterday (Reuters reports).

From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

The Sri Lanka Government has intensified operations against Tamil guerrillas in the Northern and Eastern provinces in a bid to force them to the negotiating table, security sources said.

Seven soldiers and about 40 guerrillas have already died in the offensive, which began on Friday. Fifty guerrillas have been arrested and 15 soldiers, including one officer, have been injured.

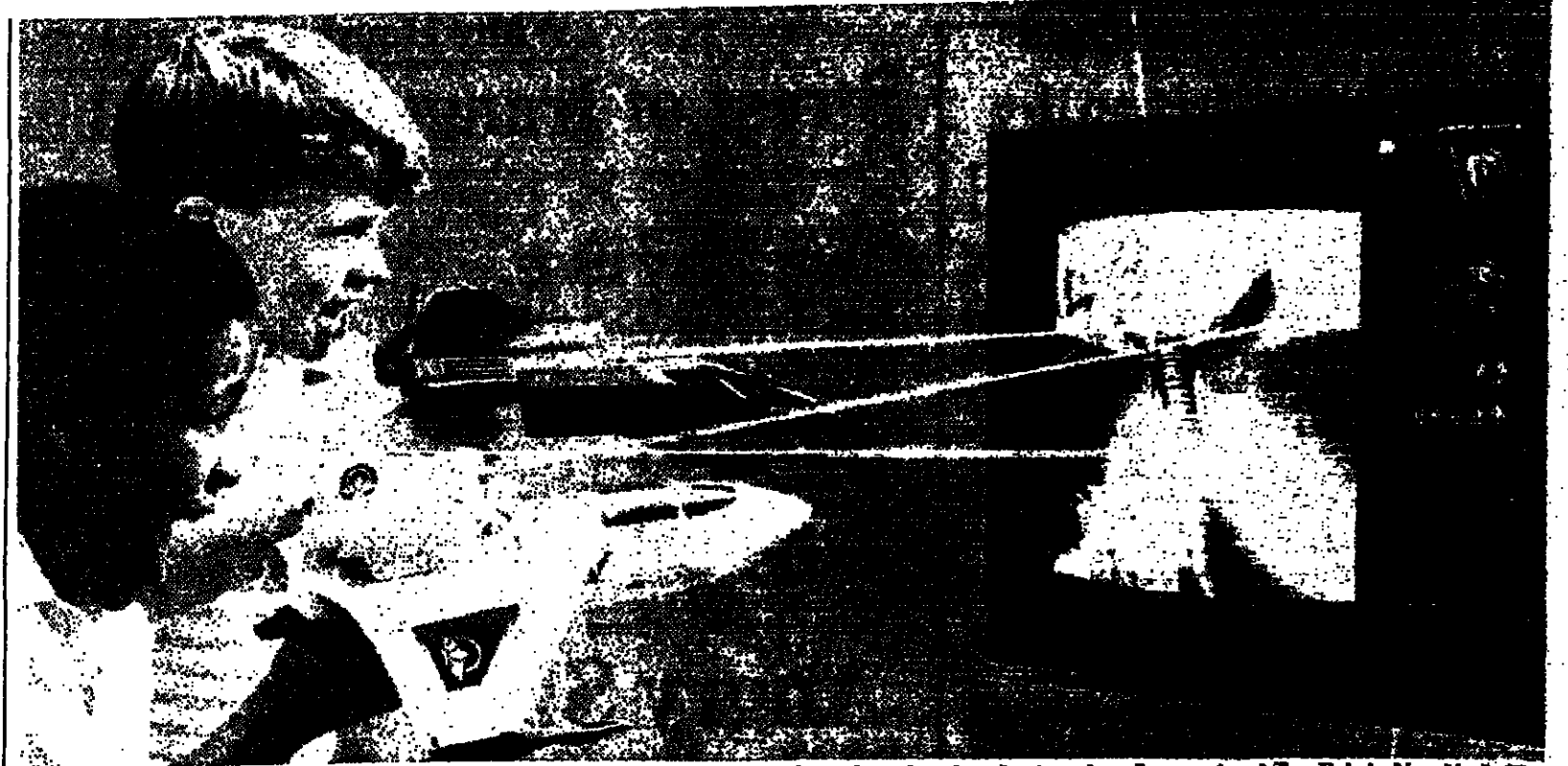
The operation covers roughly one-fifth of the island and comes in the wake of a fuel blockade of the Jaffna peninsula, a Tamil stronghold, since January 1 and the suspension of direct-dialling telecommunications facilities to the area.

Last weekend security forces were moved into the jungles around Mantai in Northern Province.

Security reports indicate that the Tamils have suffered major reverses and a number of their camps have been destroyed. Communications difficulties, however, prevent independent verification of the reports.

A government communiqué said security forces on Monday occupied the area around the Madhu Church in the north, a place of pilgrimage for the island's Catholics and where a number of Tamil civilians have taken refuge, and 35 suspected guerrillas were detained.

Meanwhile, Colombo is taking no chances over the possibility of a communal backlash following Saturday's massacre of 28 Sinhalese civilians by Tamil guerrillas at Aranthalam in Eastern Province. Mr Cyril Herath, the police inspector general, however, denied reports that about 3,000 potential troublemakers had been detained as a precautionary measure.



Power play: Boys shooting an on-screen "enemy" in one of a new generation of toys introduced at the American International Toy Fair in New York. The game, called Captain Power and the Soldiers of the Future, includes jets and accessories which interact with television programmes and video-cassettes.

## Lange doubts search for new French A-test site

From Richard Long, New Zealand

Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, was yesterday sceptical about a French scientist's claim that Paris was about to abandon its South Pacific nuclear testing site at Mururoa atoll for a new venue, perhaps Kerguelen Island, in the southern Indian Ocean.

But he said that he was not surprised by a New Zealand scientist's suggestion that Mururoa, scene of 84 underground nuclear tests in 12 years, was about to leak massive amounts of radioactivity into the Pacific.

His comments followed an address by a French biophysicist, Dr Abraham Behar, to a conference in Auckland of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.

Dr Behar, citing sources in the French military and the French nuclear energy agency,

said that he had been told that a shift from Mururoa atoll, south-east of Tahiti, could be as early as next year.

Because of the high levels of contamination of the atoll, it was impossible to continue

China yesterday signed protocols of a treaty declaring the South Pacific a nuclear-free zone, but reserved its right to reconsider them (Reuters reports from Suva). The Chinese Ambassador to Fiji, Mr Ji Chaozhu, said that the area could be nuclear free only if other big powers accepted their "special responsibility". The treaty was agreed by the 13 members of the South Pacific Forum last year.

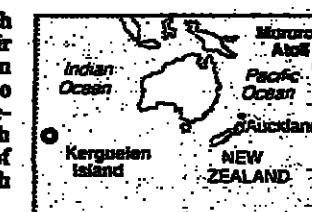
Testing there. The search for a new site had become a prime occupation for the French military, he said. "The French Army are looking for a new place. Really, in a few months, it will be the end of Mururoa." But Mr Lange said that

suggestions that the French were likely to uproot their military infrastructure in French Polynesia and move to sub-Antarctic Kerguelen, between Australia and South Africa, flew in the face of recent high-profile French diplomacy in the Pacific.

New Zealand scientists rule out a shift from Mururoa to the Fangataufa atoll near by. This was the scene of more than 60 atmospheric tests before the programme was moved underground in 1975, but it is maintained that it would not be suitable for underground tests.

Though the French have said that radioactive leakage from Mururoa is unlikely for 1,000 to 10,000 years, Dr Michael O'Sullivan, a New Zealand scientist, told the conference that his studies showed it was in fact likely within 10 to 100 years.

Dr O'Sullivan, an expert on the flow of heat and water in geothermal areas, said that his



● OSLO: The Norwegian Parliament has been asked by the Socialist Left Party to consider exercising its right to inspect atomic installations in Israel to see whether heavy water sold to Israel has been used to make nuclear weapons (Tony Saunberg writes).

About 20 tons, enough to produce plutonium for 70 to 100 atomic bombs, was sold during the late 1950s, and possibly more in the early 1970s. A condition of the sale was that the heavy water would be used only for peaceful purposes.

Norwegian heavy water was a prime objective of the occupying Germans during the Second World War and there was informed speculation late last year, when news of Israeli nuclear capability was published, that the Norwegians might have given the Israelis the boost they needed to manufacture atomic weapons.

## Bombing campaign in Kabul

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

A series of bombings last week in Kabul, the Afghan capital, was reported by Western diplomats yesterday to have shaken the city and caused a sharp surge in tension there. There also have been reports of bomb attacks on other cities.

The first bombing in Kabul itself took place outside the Indian Embassy on February 1. According to reports quoted by diplomats, 25 lb of plastic explosive was used and up to 13 people died.

The next day a large bomb was discovered and defused in a small park in the Shahr-e-Nau area, between a cinema and the Cuban Embassy.

The same day, according to the *Kabul New Times*, Kabul's official English-language newspaper, soldiers searching cars at a road block found 450 lb of explosive surrounded by fertilizer in a "foreign registration" car. Two residents of the eastern province of Nangarhar were arrested.

On Wednesday a smaller bomb was found near the house of a Cuban official of Unicef. It too was defused, but on Friday a big explosion in the Chishtoon area killed three Afghans and destroyed two military vehicles.

The Kabul regime has responded to the bombings by tightening security around the city, with both soldiers and police stopping and searching vehicles. Soviet troops have been active only at night in the southern district of Darulaman, near the Government offices.

● ISLAMABAD: Between 700 and 1,000 tribesmen from Pakistan's North-West Frontier Province and tribal areas plan to march to Kabul next Wednesday to hold mediation discussions with the Kabul rulers (Hasan Akhtar writes).

## Pressure forces Pretoria to drop plan for new township

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The South African Government, bowing to popular pressure, yesterday announced that it was shelving a plan to build a vast new segregated township for some 250,000 blacks about 20 miles north-west of Johannesburg.

Mr Chris Heunis, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, said no further consideration would be given to the plan "at this stage", and that consultants had been appointed to evaluate alternative sites "in a wider regional context".

The proposed township — inevitably dubbed "Norweto" (short for North West Township) by analogy with Soweto, the sprawling black satellite city south-west of Johannesburg — is opposed by almost every conceivable political and ethnic grouping.

For the ultra-right Conservative Party, the home of diehard white defenders of apartheid, Norweto would represent a further intrusion by impoverished rural blacks into areas near big cities which they consider should be reserved for whites.

Militant black organizations, like the United Democratic Front (UDF), see Norweto as yet another black ghetto, which they fear could be used, as Soweto was, to resettle blacks living in slum areas closer to Johannesburg.

The interesting thing about Norweto is that we blacks

agree for the first time with South Africa's despotic racists, but for diametrically different reasons." Dr Nthato Motlana, a Soweto doctor and leading UDF activist, observed recently.

"We cannot countenance the erection of any segregated township anywhere. We demand to be part of South Africa in every way, in decision making, in where we live, in where we shop, in voting."

In between these two extremes, Norweto also ran into strong resistance from a motley collection of white liberals and nature conservationists.

The site envisaged for Norweto covers some 13 square miles of grassy high veld near a nature reserve.

Groups like the Progressive Federal Party, the opposition in the white chamber of Parliament, and the Black Sash civil rights organization, run by white women, oppose Norweto as an "extension of apartheid thinking".

The problem of black housing, they say, can only be tackled fairly once the Group Areas Act, which enforces the racial segregation of residential areas, has been abolished, and housing schemes no longer have to conform to the ideological requirements of apartheid.

The Government is caught in a dilemma of its own making. Last year it abolished

the "pass laws", which sharply restricted the exodus of blacks from the tribal homelands.

Yet Pretoria has not been able to bring itself to take the next logical step of abolishing racial zoning in urban areas, which would open up white suburbs to wealthier blacks, Coloureds and Indians, and permit the development of low-cost black housing nearer to city centres.

Even if the Group Areas Act was abolished, the great bulk of urban blacks would have to be housed in township-type developments for the foreseeable future simply because that is all they can afford.

● CAPE TOWN: Two non-white anti-apartheid leaders, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Dr Allan Boesak, stepped into South Africa's whites-only election campaign yesterday, issuing a joint call for the Government's removal (Reuters reports).

"This Government has lost all claim to legitimacy. It constitutes an unmitigated danger to the future of our country. It should be removed and replaced," the two churchmen said in a statement.

Archbishop Tutu, the black Anglican Archbishop of Southern Africa, and Dr Boesak, Coloured (mixed race) president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, did not advise voters which party to support.

## Second tremor hits Pacific islands

A 5 ft tidal wave and aftershocks hit Papua New Guinea yesterday, following an earthquake on Monday which flattened villages and left more than 3,000 people homeless on the Pacific island of Umbou, 200 miles to the north-east (Our Foreign Staff writes).

The Royal Observatory in Hong Kong recorded the tremor at 5.9 on the Richter scale, not quite as severe as Monday's shock of 7.4. The aftermath was felt as far away as Port Moresby, the Papua New Guinea capital, 250 miles to the south, where buildings shook.

East of New Guinea, on Vanuatu, at least 45 people have died in cyclone Uma. The full extent of damage and casualties will not be known until communications are restored with outlying islands. Initial estimates put damage to property and crops at £128 million.

## Rape case carabinieri are jailed

Turin (AP) — Three Italian paramilitary police who were convicted by a civil court last week of having raped a young British woman in their barracks have been jailed on orders of the military authorities, sources said yesterday.

The three young members of the Carabinieri, Italy's paramilitary force, had been freed on provisional liberty after being convicted by a panel of three judges in Monza on February 2. Two were sentenced to four years' jail and one to 2½ years.

Sources at the Turin military court said that warrants were issued on the charge of gross violation of their duties.

## Muslims stop sports day

Dhaka — Police using tear gas and clubs arrested 45 people in the north-eastern tea-growing district of Sylhet after more than 500 Muslim fundamentalist students protested against girls taking part in a sports competition (Ahmed Fazi writes).

More than 50 girls were hurt as the fundamentalists, all students at a local religious school, burned the flag and chanted slogans as they entered a sports ground swinging sticks, and forced the girls to abandon the games.

## Tanker blast

Piraeus (AP) — An explosion on the Greek oil tanker *Marinicki*, in the Bay of Megara, killed a crewman and injured two others as well as starting a three-hour blaze.

## Bomb haul

Belgrade (Reuters) — Yugoslav fishermen have hauled in several live World War Two bombs from the sea off the Adriatic resort of Zadar.

## Port strike

Rotterdam (Reuters) — More than 350 men went on strike again in this port's general cargo sector in a dispute over redundancies.

## Ozal surgery

Ankara (Reuters) — Mr Turgut Ozal, the Prime Minister of Turkey, was to undergo heart bypass surgery in Houston, Texas.

## Two escape

Hamburg (Reuters) — Two East German men climbed border fortifications in the Harz mountains and escaped to West Germany, border police said.

## Ottawa post

Ottawa — Mr Brian Mulroney, the Canadian Prime Minister, has dropped Mr Michel Côté as Post Office Minister and replaced him with Mr Harvie Andre.

## Face saver

Peking (Reuters) — China unveiled a new line of cosmetics, including shampoo and skin cream, which is made from cucumbers.



# STARTING THURSDAY CHANNEL 4's MOST CELEBRATED FILM SEASON YET.



## LETTER TO BREZHNEV

Two Russian sailors (Peter Firth and Alfred Molina) make a one-day pass at a pair of Liver birds on a girls night out. So starts a love story, that overnight, captured film goes hearts everywhere. Social comment and comedy go hand-in-hand while Alexandra Pigg and Margei Clarke became filmstars overnight. No wonder they're celebrating.

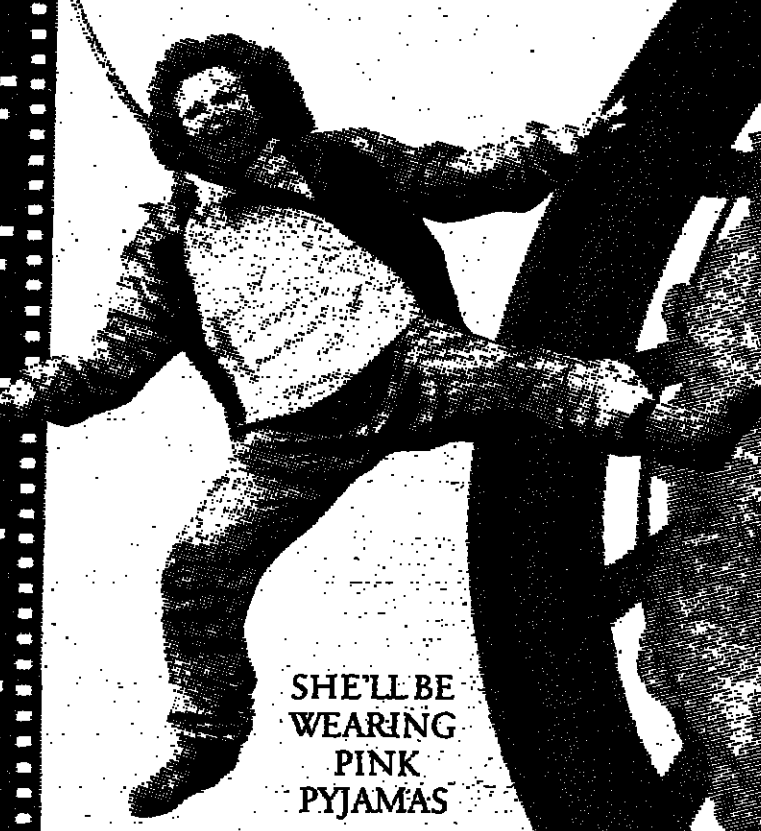


## CAL

Set in Ulster, this is a love story with a difference. It's between two people preoccupied with sects. Cal (John Lynch) an unwilling IRA activist finds his salvation in the love of an older woman (Helen Mirren). An award winning film and another success for Film on Four.

## MY BEAUTIFUL LAUNDRETTE

An international hit at the box-office and one of the highlights of a season well worth celebrating. Omar, a London Pakistani boy, is put in a spin when he's given a laundrette to run by his unscrupulous uncle. A love story, a social comedy - this film fairly bubbles over with talent and excitement.



## SHE'LL BE WEARING PINK PYJAMAS

Julie Walters stars as the cynical Fran in this comedy about a women only survival course. From start to finish the dialogue is as taut as a guy-rope. But, after a week of maps and compasses, will they really find what they're looking for? (Co-starring Anthony Higgins).

## NO SURRENDER

Two rival groups of geriatrics in fancy dress, a magician's rabbit with one foot in the grave and a band who die a death on stage? Looks like Bernard Hill and Joanne Whalley could definitely use a drink. More black stuff from comedy writer Alan Bleasdale.



## THE COMPANY OF WOLVES

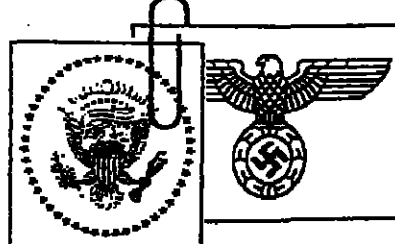
'My what big teeth you have.' Big teeth, a long tail and fur, to be precise. This fantasy film takes your nightmares about wolves and makes them come true. Directed by Neil Jordan it was hailed, quite agonisingly, as a howling success.

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## SPECTRUM

# How Britain lost the peace



## THE PAPERCLIP CONSPIRACY

Part 3: Lost horizons

how, German industry should be plundered. There were, says Tom Bower, disastrous consequences for the UK

On the eve of D-Day in June 1944, both American and British army chiefs privately acknowledged that their soldiers, fighting with inferior weapons, would suffer an enormous disadvantage. "German equipment," said Lieut. Gen. Sir Ronald Weeks, British deputy chief of the Imperial Staff, "is as good as better than ours."

The immediate seizure of German research, design and development projects, he said, was "one of the most vitally important of our post-war aims... it may be that this is the only form of reparation which (it) will be possible to exact from Germany."

Only 18 months later, in January 1946, Hugh Dalton, the British Chancellor, complained bitterly to his colleagues: "We are getting nothing out of the brutes." He discovered that Britain would be paying Germany £60 million in 1946 in subsidies. "We have not got out of Germany, in return, either a single machine or a single tree."

Weeks had a plan under which, with the war against the Japanese expected in some quarters to last up to three years after the Germans were beaten, the British army would be re-equipped with German munitions factories open and selling obsolete British weapons to the newly-liberated European allies — a proposal one Foreign Office cynic described as "selling duds to natives."

By early April 1946, the Weeks plan had been developed by the Enemy Research and Development Committee. The plan had become a blueprint for the seizure of Germany's leading research and development institutes, specializing in everything from missiles to guns, armour to mines. The plan allowed for "sealing and holding" units to travel with front-line troops to seize objectives of "exceptional importance."

On paper it seemed masterful — but when the Weeks proposal was formally pre-

Extracted from *The Paperclip Conspiracy*, by Tom Bower, to be published by Michael Joseph on February 19 (£14.95). A television programme based on the book will be shown on February 20 (BBC 1, 10.30)

While the best brains of Nazi Germany were setting up shop in America, their incriminating papers identified only by a discreetly-placed paperclip, Britain was enmeshed in an argument over whether, and

sent, a mere 38 German targets had been identified and the manpower requirement was limited to just 150 men. It was an inauspicious start.

Unknown to Weeks, both the RAF and the Royal Navy had similar plans, but with different intentions. The RAF, complacent about its technology, limited its ambitions to German radar. The Admiralty, which since the naval disasters of 1940 had bitterly acknowledged German superiority in every field except radar, had a detailed plunder list: mines, torpedoes, submarines, guns, detection devices and communications.

Captured German seamen had been scrupulously questioned and their equipment minutely investigated to discover who made it and where it was located.

These targets were listed as black, grey or white depending on priority. Even so, the plan lacked manpower and it did not have the approval of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Victor Cavendish-Bentley, director of the Joint Intelligence Committee, was delegated to resolve the disarray. It was a fateful decision; the committee did not have the experience to understand or assemble technical details of weapons design and manufacture. The task was given in terms of an historic research project rather than a hunt for new technology.

The consequences of the British approach in terms of lost opportunities are graphically illustrated by what happened in three important

At the end of the war, Colonel Tom Davis, a Courtaulds executive, was serving in the British army in Germany. Before 1939, Davis had known that IG Farben, the giant German chemicals group, was pioneering a new process for making rayon, but Courtaulds had been denied access to the secret formula because it was not a member of the industry's cartel.

But in 1945, with time and access, Davis realised he was in an ideal position to explore his competitor's secrets. He coolly demanded that the staff at Farben's Dormagen factory

show him the classified specifications for rayon manufacture. After reading the documents, he suspected the company had perfected a "revolutionary" process.

Davis tipped off Courtaulds, which urgently applied for a permit allowing an expert to visit Germany. But Courtaulds would also need access to the Dormagen factory, to which end they had a simple plan: Susan Salmon, a seductive woman with one green and one blue eye, was instructed to approach a Board of Trade official in search of permits which would open up the plant

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There had never been agreement between British manufacturers, or between the manufacturers and the government, over what to do about German production.

John Bailey, secretary of Scientific Instruments Manufacturers Association, left one Whitehall meeting furious about what he perceived to be incompetence and suicidal even-handedness. Bailey was among those who had wanted German industry suppressed, but plainly this could not be

achieved. There was ideological opposition in the Cabinet to destroying German industry, yet the British desperately needed German skills and machinery.

The old saying "to the victor the spoils" was on the verge of being turned on its head. Not only did Britain waste the benefits which would have accrued from employing German scientists, it also threw away the lifeline that could save British industry from bankruptcy — the

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## The rayon secret that rejuvenated Courtaulds

At the end of the war, Colonel Tom Davis, a Courtaulds executive, was serving in the British army in Germany. Before 1939, Davis had known that IG Farben, the giant German chemicals group, was pioneering a new process for making rayon, but Courtaulds had been denied access to the secret formula because it was not a member of the industry's cartel.

But in 1945, with time and access, Davis realised he was in an ideal position to explore his competitor's secrets. He coolly demanded that the staff at Farben's Dormagen factory

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the Prime Minister, for failing to win enough at the Yalta conference between the main Allies. Churchill's brief was to seek \$500 million in reparations but Britain's voice was barely raised and when Churchill returned to London Lord Cherwell, a Cabinet colleague, insisted that British demands were too restrained. "As a result of her fight to save liberty, Britain has become the biggest debtor nation in the world."

Cherwell, never one for mincing words, urged his colleagues into battle: "If we decide to forgo this opportunity, if we decide that German industry and exports must be restored, let it be plain what this means for Britain. Quite apart from questions of military security, it means deliberately throwing away the largest single chance we have of restoring and expanding our exports, without which we are condemned to poverty, penury, debt and decline."

That was in February 1945. In July, a Labour government won power with a trade minister, Stafford Cripps, who was both anti-German and anti-private industry. Cripps insisted that reparations won from Germany be dispersed through the whole of industry via its trade associations, rather than giving the money to individual companies, which he thought would profit from special advantages.

Cripps had no support from his civil servants. One of them wrote that the trade minister's position "seems to me quite wrong. It is individual firms who design and make the goods, not the trade associations, and if we are to get any benefit from these German technicians we surely must obtain them for particular firms."

That view did not prevail at the time and its failure to do so cost Imperial Typewriters the services of Feller. It was far from Britain's only loss and even hopeful signs often turned into false dawn. Seven German Agfa technicians, experts in film-coating, were brought to Britain to explain colour film — and were promptly interned.

But in October, the policy was turned on its head. Sir William Palmer, the Board of Trade's industrial adviser — irked by Cripps's chauvinism and adherence to political dogma — argued persuasively that no matter how "objectionable and undesirable" German refugees had helped Britain in the war and "other Germans could help over the long term now."

Faced with an exhausted economy, huge debts and rising unemployment, Cripps changed his mind: Britain needed German help. But even without the ferocious opposition of the Security Service, which regarded incoming Germans as a Trojan horse, Britain was embarking on a mission that was too muddled, too little and too late.

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## Grate role for rubbish

The contents of your dustbin could soon be helping to heat your home

Students and staff at Brighton Polytechnic are basking in heat from an improbable source this winter — fuel that comes from Eastbourne's dustbins.

The college received its first consignment of the cigar-shaped fuel pellets last month and became the latest customer of a company that is among the world leaders in the technology of turning domestic rubbish into refuse-derived fuel (RDF).

East Sussex Enterprises, owned by the county council, has hosed this technology since 1979 at a test plant in Eastbourne. It has developed its own automatic boiler-feeding and de-ashing system to a point where it has now begun to market the concept as well as selling the product.

Next year a £3.7 million RDF plant built to ESE's design will open on the Isle of Wight, the first ordered by a local authority. By 1991 the council would have run out of holes into which to tip its

One market garden is saving £100,000 a year on fuel bills

growing piles — 72,000 tonnes last year — of household and industrial waste.

It is a problem not restricted to the Isle of Wight. Thirty-two million tonnes of rubbish are generated each year in the South-East, 15 million tonnes of it in Greater London. A second RDF plant, built to ESE's model, will open at Hastings next year. It will produce 30,000 tonnes of fuel pellets, containing 20 times the energy consumed in making them, from local waste. The plant, financed by commercial loans, will allow the county to make significant savings in disposal costs as well as reducing fuel bills in council buildings.

Hertfordshire, too, is studying tenders for a privately financed and operated plant to process half the county's waste — about 125,000 tonnes a year.

Recent studies by the Department of Energy found that the combustion efficiency of RDF was similar to coal. The RDF boiler at Eastbourne Sixth Form College costs marginally more than a standard boiler, but saves £12,000 a year on fuel.

One market garden in East Sussex estimates fuel savings at £100,000 a year in a boiler burning 70 tonnes of RDF a week.

Despite the efficiency of RDF as a fuel, the UK still lags behind much of Europe in exploiting the energy locked in its refuse. Only between 1 and 2 per cent of waste is reclaimed for reprocessing and re-use.

Ron Morton, ESE's project manager, believes more councils will be encouraged to try the RDF option now the savings have been demonstrated. "The potential is enormous. If we can make it pay in a rural county without industry, surely the idea would be a winner around big cities."

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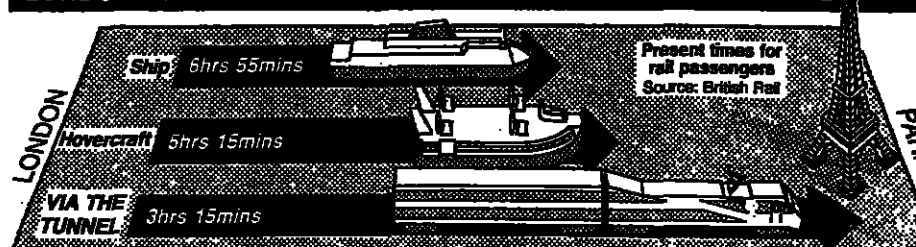
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### LONDON TO PARIS BY RAIL: HOW THE TUNNEL WILL SAVE TIME



Tomorrow marks a year since Mrs Thatcher and President Mitterrand shook hands on their Channel Tunnel agreement: it is an anniversary that should be marked with smiling faces all the way from the City of London to the dole queue but in fact the smiles are struggling for attention against the scowls.

It is a scheme shot through with controversy — political, financial and social. A new chairman for Eurotunnel is being sought to pull the project together and failure to find a dynamic leader quickly could even threaten the future of the project.

During the next six months, the battle over the Channel Tunnel Bill — which completed its Commons stage early this month — will rage in and out of Parliament. The front lines manned by everyone from Cabinet ministers to PR men. It is a crucial time for Eurotunnel, the company which is promoting the tunnel and which must recover ground lost since the middle of last year when an all-out assault by its opponents almost completely obscured the case for the tunnel.

Eurotunnel suffered one major blow to its credibility last October when it became clear that it was having difficulty persuading British financial institutions to take up their share of a £206m equity

placing. That hurdle re-appears in a slightly different form next summer, when Eurotunnel plans to offer the public £750m of equity, about £300m of it in Britain. But before that come other obstacles, including a rigorous examination of the Bill in the Lords, and the dislocation of a general election, if it comes this spring.

The major argument for the tunnel is that it will provide important economic and political benefits, particularly jobs. John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, has estimated that during construction, due to begin next autumn and to continue for five years, 100,000 man/years of work will be directly or indirectly stimulated in Britain alone.

Much of this work will be in Kent, in the general area where the tunnel and its associated facilities are to be built, but much of the equipment will come from the heavy engineering industries in Scotland, the North and the Midlands, where unemployment is most acute.

So far contracts worth about £40 million have been placed, or are about to be placed, by Trans Manche Link, the company which will build the tunnel for Eurotunnel. Roughly half the value of that work is in Scotland and in the next six months contracts worth another £40 million are

expected to be placed in Britain, about £20 million worth in the Midlands and the North.

In Kent the tunnel is likely to provide 20,000 man/years work, with a peak of 5,000 jobs being created in 1990, and up to 70 per cent of the direct construction jobs being filled locally.

The longer term prospects for Kent are less clear. Some estimates suggest that when the tunnel is in operation more jobs will be lost in the ferry ports than are created by the tunnel, but this deficit could be offset by an expansion of tourism to Britain, stimulated by the tunnel — there is already talk of a £150 million leisure and shopping development at Ashford beside the planned international passenger terminal.

British Rail and its French counterpart will be among the main beneficiaries of the tunnel. BR is expecting to invest £400m in new terminals, and special rolling stock and other facilities for operations through the tunnel.

Rail can compete effectively against road haulage, it is reckoned, only on runs of over 350 miles. BR estimates that there could be 20 freight trains daily in each direction passing through the tunnel, and that movement of freight by rail will more than triple, with a

side-benefit to the public of removing 1,500 juggernauts from the roads.

Passengers will also benefit. Apart from the rail shuttle service from Folkestone to Calais, which Eurotunnel will run, BR plans to offer through trains from Britain to continental capitals, London to Paris, which now takes almost seven hours on the train-ferry system, could take three hours 15 minutes via the tunnel.

A major public relations problem for the tunnel's supporters is getting the physical focus away from the south-east. The dominance of Rotterdam, Antwerp and other north-west European ports has meant that many ships now completely by-pass the UK, with obvious effects on northern and Scottish ports. It is argued that the tunnel could reverse that pattern, with the British west coast ports becoming the natural landfall for ships coming across the Atlantic or from West Africa.

Mr John Davidson, director of the Confederation of British Industry in Scotland, said: "After 1993 there is going to be an enormous change in the way British trade is conducted. We are determined to take a positive view of the tunnel."

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## All in the stepfamily

By the end of this century, the National Stepfamily Association predicts that about half of all children will have acquired at least one stepfather — however temporarily — by the time they are 16.

Recent reports of appalling child sexual abuse suggest that a disproportionate number of such cases involve stepfathers. Evidence from the Manchester City Police indicates that children are five times more likely to be sexually abused by their stepfathers than by their natural fathers; this is backed up by the Child Watch and NSPCC reports on the subject.

If all this is true, then the future looks pretty bleak for already two out of five families are full-time or part-time stepfamilies.

Statistics relating stepfathers to child sexual abuse must of course be treated with caution. As yet it is not known how many stepfathers there are, nor how many fathers are simultaneously fulfilling the role of stepfather. More importantly, the available evidence on child sexual abuse is based on cases reported — to the police, social services and the NSPCC.

Clearly, however, child abuse by stepfathers is much more likely to be reported than is sexual abuse by natural fathers. Moreover, it is not clear how much unreported abuse by both fathers and stepfathers goes on. But it seems reasonable to assume that children are more at risk of being sexually abused by their stepfathers than by their natural fathers.

Why is this? To many people the main reason is that a stepfather, like the traditional stepmother, is almost by definition an inadequate, selfish, evil person destined to become, at best, a second-class parent. But there is no evidence to support such a theory; and it is unlikely that there is more original sin in stepfathers than in natural fathers. Most stepfathers survive as hard as do natural fathers to care for the children for whom they have accepted responsibility. The notion of the wicked stepfather is a convenient excuse for a society anxious not to sully the image of the natural father.

Experts suggest causes for sexual abuse, sometimes looking to the past to find answers. One established link is that those who were themselves abused — or who witnessed abuse — as children are more likely to become child abusers themselves. Dr Stephen Wolkin, Consultant Psychiatrist at the Maudsley Hospital, believes that stepfathers who sexually abuse their stepchildren may have a background which has "upset their whole concept of the appropriate boundaries between adults and children", including an

The myth of the wicked stepmother is being replaced — by that of the wicked stepfather.

Elizabeth Hodder looks at the pressures facing a stepfamily, where the sexual abuse of children is five times more common than in other families

acceptance of child abuse within the confines of the original family. On becoming stepfathers they become members of families where the boundaries between the adults and children are so poorly defined that their earlier childhood experiences begin to surface.

If, without condoning or excusing sexual abuse, we are to provide the help that is so clearly needed, we should also look more closely at the present, trying to understand the reality often unrecognized pressures under which stepfathers try to bring up other people's children. Take the case

Recently, for example, a 16-year-old stepdaughter wrote to Claire Rayner swearing she was in love with her stepfather — she lay awake at night crying herself to sleep because she couldn't bear to listen to her mother and stepfather making love in the bedroom next door. The girl was seeking permission to take her stepfather away from her mother by seducing him. Permission was, of course, refused.

Stepfathers are often introduced into the family as children are reaching puberty; for stepfathers who are unfamiliar with female children and with their normal cycle of bodily and psychological changes, the problem of putting these changes into context and of exercising control becomes crucial. For this they need the support of their partners; many stepfathers find this support singularly lacking. In extreme cases a stepfather can control his feelings and those of a sexually alert stepdaughter only by withdrawing his affection altogether. This is emotionally damaging, not least for the child. And how can he explain to the girl's mother that her daughter is in open sexual competition with her, without causing an irreparable rift between them?

The key, according to one recent survey of 63 stepfamilies carried out by the University of California, is for the stepfather to establish a level of involvement that does not demand any particular closeness by adult or child. But for stepfathers — and indeed for all of us — there is a natural desire to achieve warm and loving relationships with those nearest to us. When these don't materialize we are left with a sense of failure. For many stepfathers this apparent failure comes on top of a failed earlier relationship with his own children.

Even Dr Spock, a recent and late entry into stepfatherhood, finds the task of achieving such a balance

daunting. He describes stepfatherhood as a "cursed relationship", one which forced him to seek the help of a psychiatrist to iron out the problems he was having with his 11-year-old stepdaughter.

Many stepfathers do not have Dr Spock's insight or knowledge and few have ready access to a psychiatrist. But help of some kind is needed if society is to prevent sexual abuse — by what is still a small minority of stepfathers — proliferating.

Much could be achieved by a greater understanding of the pressures on all members of stepfamilies, including the children. This is not to suggest that by understanding the causes of sexual abuse by stepfathers we must therefore excuse it; that kind of reasoning, as Shaw pointed out, is the sentimentality of the devil. But it is never easy to introduce a new adult into the lives of children, and unrealistic expectations from all parties can cause feelings of isolation and failure — feelings which cannot be resolved within the stepfamily and which find little sympathy outside it.

Whether we like it or not, the stepfamily is the family of the future. Society has a duty to accept such families and not to pretend they don't exist — or worse — attribute to them an inferior status. Tomorrow night a 40 Minutes television documentary, "Do you still love me?" features three stepfamilies. They have had to deal with changing roles and relationships and all three are members of the National Stepfamily Association, which has more than 50 self-help groups around the country. At present the image of the wicked stepfather encourages many agencies to dub him a villain and to confine their help to the children; stepfathers are left with no one to talk to. But if child sexual abuse is ever to be controlled, let alone reduced, there must be more help available for those who are responsible for the abuse — we can expect only the adults to modify their behaviour, not the children.

Stepfathers need to be able to talk to others before they reach a crisis point, before they find themselves committing a criminal act which no society should tolerate, let alone excuse, but for which it must take some of the blame if it refuses to offer the necessary help.

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Do you still love me? will be shown on BBC2 tomorrow, 9.30-10.10pm.

## Growing pains of wholefood business

When you buy lettuce that has been grown "organically", how do you know whether the salad you are about to eat really will be free from chemical pollution? What is to stop an unscrupulous shopkeeper from buying in a tray of mass-produced, plastic-packaged lettuce, dusting the leaves with soil and thus creating the illusion of a country garden pedigree?

It is a consumer protection problem that currently concerns the Ministry of Agriculture, as more and more shoppers, anxious to embrace the healthy-eating movement, but with little personal knowledge of what the words "organic" or "wholefood" really mean, buy goods that may not live up to the standards laid down by the independent Soil Association. For in the absence of official government guidelines, the Soil Association's circular symbol of organic quality — awarded to farmers, growers and food processors who produce chemical-free foods — is to date the only nationally recognized consumer assurance of consistent standards.

Lawrence Woodward, chairman of the 4,000-member association, says: "As an independent charity with no commercial axe to grind we feel that some companies and farming groups are setting differing organic criteria, which is very confusing for the shopper. We have been having talks with the Ministry of Agriculture on the question of national standards, but until there are government guidelines there is nothing in the

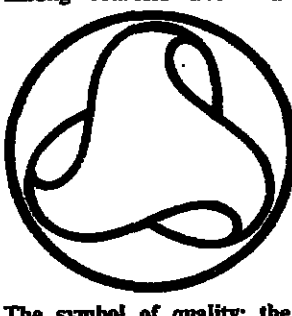
An 'organic' label does not necessarily mean the produce is free of chemicals...

law to prevent producers from putting the word 'organic' on their packaging, and their standards often vary.

"The trouble is that ignorance about wholefood and organic labelling abounds among retailers and consumers, and you also get the sharks who mislead the public with false claims."

The association has adopted a new, more aggressive policy. But in the absence of government advice, both to the public and to its own Trading Standards officers — who are more used to dealing with weights and measures than to sniffing out errant chemicals — the policing of farm premises and shops is left to a small band of semi-voluntary Soil Association inspectors.

Last year the association introduced its consumer-protection scheme, allowing approved shops, too, to display the circular symbol.



The symbol of quality: the Soil Association's seal

It is a move that pleases 70-year-old Lilian Schofield, managing director of Wholefood of London, who with Mary Langman, 76, has run the shop and butchery since it was founded by pioneers of food consciousness in 1960. "We now have the sons and daughters of our first customers coming to us," Ms Schofield explained as she inspected a delivery of naturally reared Dorset lamb and milk-fed kid. "At the moment trust is the only protection shoppers have. There should be government intervention, because how else can people be sure that they really are buying food that contains no chemicals, no colourings, no artificial flavourings and no junk?"

The Consumers Association points out that, under the Sale of Goods Act, any food not complying with its claims should be reported to the local Trading Standards officers. But whose guidelines are they to follow?

But Lawrence Woodward believes the real threat to customers is that major food producers, anxious for commercial opportunity, will muscle in on the organic and wholefood markets. "Safeway is to be applauded publicly for selling only organic foods of the highest quality, and Sainsbury, after discussion with the association, are undertaking trials of organic produce in some of their stores," he says. "Other companies, trying to meet a need, may not have such scruples."

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## Single-minded — at a price

Now is the time when the voices of travel agents are heard throughout the land as they seek to entice us with offers of bigger, better and greater bargains, with children half-price or free. Sams, beaches, mountains, lakes, famous cities, cruises to far-off places or the quiet British countryside: we have but to name what we want and the agents will fall over themselves to satisfy us. Though not quite all of us.

There is one minority that is clearly labelled "not wanted on the voyage": the single traveller, or, to be more precise, those of us who do not wish to share a bedroom.

Unfortunately, in these days of inflation and unstable currencies, of erratic transport and the vanished porter, the package deal is the most economical and convenient way to take a holiday; yet many hotels will not consider a single booking. Most, however, are still content to whack on a heavy fine, whimsically called a supplement.

Oh, that infuriating supplement. As the tourist brochures so kindly explain, it pays only for the privilege of not sharing a room. More should not be expected. Rarely is the single person granted those "private facilities" that more normal people — those who travel in couples — take for granted. Balconies are not for the likes of us. And the only view, generally, is that of the

## FIRST PERSON

Wynette Mears

kitchen staff in grubby aprons popping out for a quick breather and a cigarette among the over-flowing dustbins — an appetite suppressant if ever there was one.

The room, which began on the Continent, is now well-trenched in Britain. In many resorts, whose hoteliers rant and rail about falling bookings, and employ high-priced publicity men to encourage visitors, the single-room supplement is the norm. If the hotel is newish there will be the unused twin bed to reproach the solitary traveller with the perversity of his behaviour.

But, to off-set this depressing feature, there will be those desirable "en suite facilities". In modernized coaching inns and converted rectories the single room will be in the slightly tarted-up attic which were once the sleeping quarters of the Victorian domestic and, unless you are very lucky, the loo will be on the next floor, down a flight of narrow, twisty stairs.

It was several years ago in Egypt at Luxor, that my position was first brought home to me. I can still see the fading of the you-are-welcome smile of the waiter on learning that madam was not only

unattached to a group but was also companionless. The head waiter was sent for, the data reprocessed, but, alas, the answer remained the same.

Head waiters, however, are trained to cope. After a moment's thought, he swept away the surplus settings and the small French flag from a nearby table and moved me closer to one occupied by a group of Russians. That was how, for administrative purposes, I became a temporary citizen of the Soviet Union.

The Russians were not pleased at this sudden togetherness, and looked glum and even more puffed — and who could blame them? But at least the staff was happy. Madam was no longer that embarrassing anomaly of modern tourism — one person only.

Unfortunately, I cannot think of a solution to this nonsense. It would be no use to picket, to threaten to strike, or even to lie on the floor and kick and scream when my custom is not wanted. It does seem that all too soon I must give up the idea of holidays and stay put. Although, for the moment, it is still possible to find the occasional hotelier who is tolerant of the single tourist, their numbers grow smaller by the year. As for the others — a plague upon them and may their hotels be forever half-empty.

## Heart to hearth

Anyone who's had to endure a "romantic" weekend in a hotel with fluorescent lighting and orange Acrominor knows how elusive seductive locations can be. Now the English Tourist Board have prepared a list of recommended hotels around the country which will be offering special weekend breaks for the sentimental this spring — with roaring log fires, four-poster beds, champagne and roses for the incurably romantic. Prices are from £48 per person; details (worth having up your sleeves should Valentine's Day prove a fiasco) are available from the Information Department, ETA, Thames Tower, Black's Road, Hammersmith, London W6 9EL (01-846 8000).

## Life forces

The odds are against being shipwrecked, hijacked or having a fan belt give out in an Alpine blizzard. But statistics were scant consolation to Julian Keopcke when an air crash marooned her alone in the Amazonian jungle; her tale is one of several ordeals recounted by Martin Forrester in *Survival* (Sphere, £2.95), a fascinating guide to staying alive against the odds. Basic equipment is the will to live — but, as the book determines decisively, none of us can ever predict when the technique of building a snow cave or kindling a fire with two twigs might prove a lifesaver.

## Small snacks

Perhaps it was the prospect of scooping up yet another bowl of mussels from the terracotta tiles which con-

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vinced Miriam Stoppard there had to be a better way of enticing children to eat what's good for them — certainly, even the fussiest toddler should have trouble resisting down sandwiches, giraffe-shaped cheese morsels or smiley-faced pizza, some of the healthy snacks featured in *My First Food* (published tomorrow by Dorling Kindersley, £4.95). But do you know many women with the patience to transform every meal into something out of Billy Smart's circus?

## Run for fun

There is still time to get your Nikes out of mothballs in preparation for Britain's biggest all-women "fun" run, a race of just over 6 miles planned to weave through Liverpool on Sunday, May 31.

The entrance fee is £3 for runners, who are asked to seek sponsorship for the British Heart Foundation; details from the Recreation & Open Spaces Department, Mansion House, Caldersstones Park, Liverpool L18 3JD (051 724 2371). It won't be a lonely long distance run — they're expecting 10,000 entries, which must be in by May 1.

## Quote me...



"I hate the power games men play. I have always thought it was wrong to ask women to change themselves. That way they become one of the boys and bring nothing new to their job." — Jean Osen, former Business Woman of the Year, who recently resigned as Director of External Affairs for Austin Rover

## Naturally new

Never ones to miss a golden opportunity, Marks & Spencer are the latest to jump on the Body Shop bandwagon with Extracts of Nature, a selection

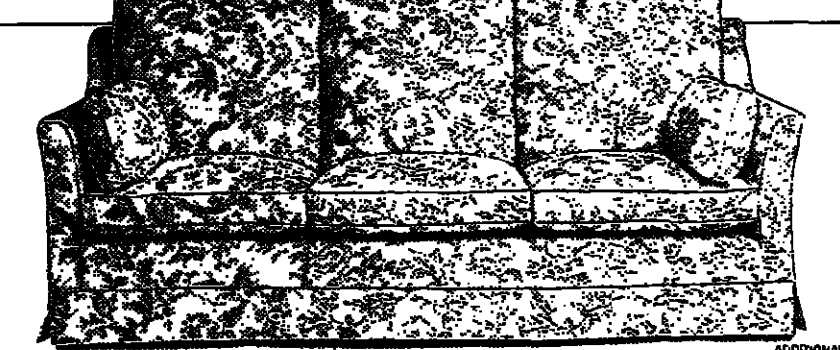
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## Ladies' might

Problem: how to handle the mantle of authority which comes with promotion, without coming across either like Mussolini or Polyanna. Without wanting to sound like Woody Allen, sharing the problems with others in the same boat is a possible, and increasingly popular, solution — witness the present boom in "workshop" techniques for boosting the confidence. A graduate from a Monadnock international course says she discovered she wasn't "the only woman who felt — temporarily thank heavens — like a complete fraud" after promotion. The 1987 prospectus (Advanced Skills for Executive Secretaries, Information Technology and Management Skill for Women) is available from 2 The Chapel, Royal Victoria Patriotic Building, Fitzhugh Grove, London SW18 3SX (01-871 2546).

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### Vatican victim

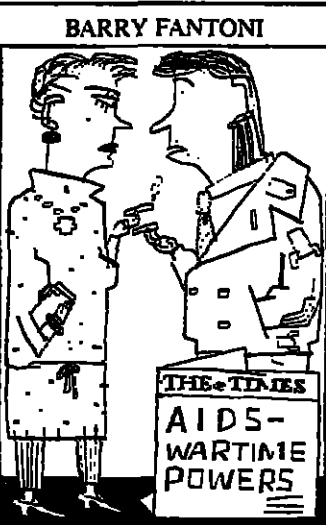
The BBC is not the only European service looking for a new head after a sudden resignation. Vatican-watchers are debating the unexpected departure this week of Fiorenzo Tagliabue, secretary-general of Centro Televisivo Vaticano, the city state's own TV service. There is speculation that he may have fallen victim to the influence of Opus Dei, the religious organization much favoured by the Pope which has been criticized for its secrecy. Tagliabue is a liberal known to dislike Opus Dei, the head of the Vatican press office, is a member. Their relationship is thought to have been uneasy. Whatever the explanation, Rome's TV viewers are unlikely to be robbed of much enjoyment. CTV was set up by Papal decree in October 1983 amid plans to produce a daily three-minute programme of Vatican news. So far its output has been confined almost entirely to papal audiences.

### Snowdon out

Lord Snowdon, who conducted the *Logue* magazine interview in which Simon Hornby, chairman of the Design Council, rubbished the organization, resigned last night as a consultant to the council. He joined the staff of the Council of Industrial Design, as it then was, in 1961 and continued on a consultative basis from 1962. He was also a consultant to the council's magazine, *Design*, which he uncharitably called in the interview "unreadable, unfashionable and out-of-touch". I am told that Snowdon, who told me last night "I'll ring you back on this" - was asked to go. Meanwhile, Hornby is still with the council pending the result of a national postal ballot of staff on a motion of no confidence.

### Fianna foiler

There is frantic activity at the Fine Gael and Fianna Fail party headquarters in Dublin as Garret FitzGerald and Charles Haughey go through their final papers before Thursday's pre-election debate on Irish television. In previous campaigns both parties have made use of the same company, Carr Communications in Dublin, to prepare candidates for the rigours of television. But Fianna Fail apparently became so anxious about Haughey's image that it has bought exclusive use of Carr's media training course. FitzGerald's Fine Gael, which looks set to be ousted from power next week, is undaunted by its rival's coup. A spokeswoman tells me that it is now employing in-house consultants - "as good as any in Dublin".



BARRY FANTONI

### Victorious

A British boat was hailed through the streets of New York yesterday in the ticker tape parade to honour the victorious Dennis Conner. It happened because of New York's sudden realization that it had no 12-metre yacht for the parade. Frantic calls to London persuaded Peter de Savary to grant permission to use Victory II, one of the British yachts from the 1982 challenge and it was transported 400 miles from Newport Rhode Island. De Savary says: "It's the closest Victory II ever came to winning the America's Cup."

### Knotty

A 40-year-old snub to the Australian government has been uncovered by BBC Radio 4. When the Speaker's chair in the Commons was burnt in the Blitz, the Australians donated some black beamed wood to make a new one. However, when the timber was delivered to H.H. Martyn & Co in Cheltenham, the Gloucestershire craftsmen took one look at the wood's knots and rejected it on grounds of quality. Reporter John Parry reveals in Saturday's documentary, *The Best*, that without telling a soul, Martyns re-ordered from their usual suppliers.

### Rail tale

The British Rail guard manning the loudspeaker system on a Richmond to Waterloo train yesterday morning was full of joy. "What a marvellous start to the day," he told commuters. "The sun is shining over London. England is going to thrash Australia again tonight, and we are arriving two minutes ahead of schedule. Passengers wishing to get full value for their fare may remain in their seats for that period while the train is standing at the station."

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In the first of an occasional series Roy Jenkins examines the decline of historical knowledge in politics, and its significance to wise rule

## Lost perspectives of power



**Mrs Thatcher, while her own impact on history may be great, is curiously bounded by her own period of office, and that of the previous Labour government. She is fond of argument by historical comparison, but her history effectively begins in 1974. Nor, it must be allowed, does any likely alternative prime minister show much sign of ability to reverse the trend**

previous Labour government. She is fond of argument by historical comparison, but her history effectively begins in 1974. Nor, it must be allowed, does any likely alternative prime minister show much sign of ability to reverse the trend.

The case could therefore be regarded as superficially proved: 23 years from 1940 to 1963 producing four prime ministers, of whom at least three were impregnated with historical sense; and 23 years from 1963 to 1986 with five prime ministers on an incline of descent towards indifference or ignorance. History appears to be in retreat.

Yet might it not have been the first rather than the second period which was exceptional? If we consider the eight preceding prime ministers who took office since 1900, this looks quite plausible. Balfour brooded on the likelihood of cosmic doom when "the energies of our system will decay, the glory of the sun will be dimmed, and the earth, tideless and inert, will no longer tolerate the race which has for a moment disturbed its solitude"; but this grand pessimism did not encourage much detailed historical application, even though he was determined not to be like Peel and "betray his party".

Campbell-Bannerman was an indolent Cambridge classicist who preferred French novels to English

political biography, and managed more on a mixture of shrewdness and niceness than on historical thought or erudition.

Asquith had absorbed a lot of history, as his smoothly purring brain absorbed almost everything, and could have easily held a historical conversational candle to Attlee or Macmillan, as he frequently did to Churchill. But he was no writer, except of personal letters.

Lloyd George made a lot of history, but he was always too much a man of the moment to be greatly influenced by historical lessons. In his oratory he preferred topographical imagery - "the great peaks... of honour, duty, patriotism and sacrifice" contrasted with "the evergreen valley" of selfishness - to historical analogy.

Bonar Law knew the works of Carlyle inside out, but apart from them his knowledge of history did not go much beyond that of an average accountant. Baldwin loved the rhythms of the English countryside and had a strong sense of continuity, but although he claimed not wholly plausibly to have been most influenced by the writings of Henry Maine, his favourite historical author was probably Arthur Bryant.

MacDonald attached considerable importance to political

theory, but found more parallels in biological evolution than in historical precedent for the form of socialism that he wished to introduce.

Chamberlain's practical and somewhat intolerant mind did not much require the support or the recreation of history.

Nevertheless, I think that on balance this group of early 20th century prime ministers knew more history than do their successors of the last decade or so, and they were certainly buttressed by other ministers - Lloyd George by Curzon and Milner, not to mention H.A.L. Fisher, MacDonald by Haldane and Sydney Webb, the early Baldwin by Churchill and L.S. Amery, the later Baldwin and Neville Chamberlain by Halifax and Duff Cooper, to take some random examples - who knew incomparably more than those surrounding Mrs Thatcher today.

The case for secular decline can therefore be regarded as substantially if not overwhelmingly proven.

What about other countries? Among American presidents, Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Franklin Roosevelt (in a Lord Hume sort of way), Truman (in a more plodding way) and Kennedy knew quite a lot. Taft, Hoover and Lyndon Johnson knew some; Harding, Eisenhower and Reagan practically nothing; Coolidge, Nixon, Ford and Carter a strictly limited amount.

In Europe I have generally found the French to be more interested and better informed than the Germans and most others, with the Belgians and possibly the Italians veering towards the French category. Both presidents Giscard and Mitterrand combine knowledge and interest, although the former has more detail and the latter, like De Gaulle in this respect, more sweep. Chancellor Kohl clearly has little historical interest, but nor did Helmut Schmidt, who was the most constructive statesman of my time as president of the European Commission. I think that for someone of Schmidt's generation the immediate past constituted a noxious barrier which discouraged him from retrospective peering.

Does this catalogue tell us much about how desirable a qualification for statesmanship is historical knowledge? On the whole, and again cautiously, I think it can be said that those with knowledge and interest performed better than those without. Lloyd George and Schmidt providing notable exceptions one way, and Eden a less certain one the other.

Why should this be so? The most obvious explanation is that history helps to lengthen perspective and, unless it promotes obsessive concentration on ancient wrongs, discourages extreme partisanship. Yet I do not find this wholly convincing. Few politicians can have been more shortsighted than the elegant big game hunter Harold Nicolson, with his five switches of party, or more partisan than were the great constitutional historians Dicey and Anson at the time of the 1911 Parliament Bill.

I suspect it is more that historical knowledge stems from a mixture of general knowledge and curiosity, and that those with these attributes are better equipped than those without.

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Ian Bradley

## Give the land to the people

As election time approaches, land has been put firmly at the centre of the political stage, leaving the party that both historically and temperamentally should have the most radical and relevant policies on the subject out in the cold.

While both Labour and the Conservatives have recently unveiled far-reaching programmes for tackling the related problems of agricultural over-production, rural unemployment and damage to the environment, the Alliance has been remarkably silent.

Yet by virtue of their historic commitment to the cause of land reform and their strong support in rural areas, the Liberals ought to be in the van of proposing major new initiatives in this area.

There is still time for the party to come up with a radical scheme for land redistribution, which could be a big feature of the Alliance manifesto. It should take its cue both from its SDP partners, who have boldly grasped the nettle of income redistribution, and from President Mitterrand's sensible remarks at Chatham House last month in which he attacked the large "agri-food factories" springing up throughout Europe and called for the encouragement of small and peasant farmers.

It is becoming increasingly clear to more and more British electors that the highly industrialized and concentrated form of agriculture which is practised in this country is not only producing too much food but doing untold damage to the rural environment and diminishing employment to opportunities in the countryside.

Breaking up large farms, reducing the amounts of chemical fertilizers used on the soil and going for low-input organic farming would reduce crop yields while dramatically improving the nutritional quality of our food. It would also restore our ravaged countryside and create jobs into the bargain. An Alliance package to promote the growth of small holdings would be very much more attractive to voters than the Tory plans revealed this week for more development on farmland.

Ownership of land has long been one of the most concentrated and exclusive forms of wealth in this country, and over the past few decades it has become even more so. The number of agricultural holdings has halved in the past 30 years and there has been a particularly steep decline in the number of proprietors farming less than 100 acres; down from 250,000 in 1964 to less than 120,000 today. County councils are selling off their small-holdings to large farmers and so devaluing those without substantial capital one of the few ways left of getting into agriculture.

A relatively small number of City institutions and large landowners have made spectacular profits out of past rocketing land prices and substantial EEC subsidies. They have gone in for intensive high-input farming, using fertilizers and machines in preference to manual labour and

so depressing employment opportunities to the point where Britain has a smaller proportion of its population working on the land than any other country in Europe.

The need for a practical programme widening land ownership has never been greater. Nor, perhaps, has the opportunity. The recent dramatic fall in land prices, down by a third in some cases, now gives local authorities the chance to buy up land from large farmers only too eager to sell.

Instead of tackling the growing cereal glut as Michael Jopling, the Agriculture Secretary, has suggested, by paying farmers to plant trees, the Government should impose a minimum quota to reduce yields and some effects on the soil and water supplies, and encourage the breaking up of large farms and the selling of parcels to local authorities.

These publicly-owned plots could then be rented out to tenants in the form of allotments and small-holdings for organic husbandry and vegetable production - an area where we at present import far more than we need to.

A little-noticed motion passed at the Liberal assembly called for a restricted EEC price support system, with the resulting saving being used to fund a new small farms scheme and employment subsidies to extend job opportunities on the land.

The motion also urged incentive payments for positive environmental measures, the encouragement of low-input farming, a reversal in the policy of selling off publicly owned small-holdings, tax incentives to create new tenancies and preferential credit facilities and favourable interest rates through the formation of an agricultural bank.

All of this is fine as far as it goes, but these proposals alone will not bring about a significant redistribution of land ownership and with it a shift in agriculture towards a more balanced ecological approach which works with nature rather than against it. They need to be accompanied by an increase in public ownership and control of land and by the taxation of land values.

The Liberals should follow the lead of the Scottish Nationalist Party and demand a national system of land holdings with the establishment of a land commission, and the taxation of land not being used for the public good.

They should also publicize the enormous success of the farmers and market gardeners of Brittany, who have reversed decades of rising rural unemployment in the region by a system of co-operative farming and selling which has made them among the leading producers in Europe and the major supplier to Britain of a variety of vegetables.

Allied to the SDP's programme for the redistribution of wealth, a Liberal programme to give the land back to the people would make a powerful and appealing Alliance election platform.

Ian Bradley is author of *The Strange Rebirth of Liberal Britain*.

### Frank Johnson in the Commons

## Matron lobby is alive and well

During questions to the Minister for Health, a Conservative backbencher yesterday called for the restoration of the hospital matron.

He was cheered by the "law and order" brigade on the Tory benches. But observers did not see that as meaning the Government would reintroduce the matron, who in most big hospitals has been abolished in favour of lighter punishments. MPs' attitude to hospital matrons has traditionally been regarded as an issue of conscience, and left to a free vote. At the moment, there is believed to be an abolitionist majority made up of Labour, Liberals, the SDP and the Tory Wets.

The Cabinet is divided. For example, Mr Norman Tebbit is believed to be in favour of restoration. But the Home Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, is understood to be an abolitionist. A powerful argument, as far as the anti-matron lobby is concerned, is that matrons might be suffered by patients who are later proved to be innocent. Other ministers, and many Conservative backbenchers, are in favour of bringing back matrons only for treatment of terrorists.

The Conservative backbencher responsible for bringing the issue before the House yet again was Mr Michael Lord (Central Suffolk). He asked whether there were "any plans to reintroduce the role of matron into hospitals". The Minister, Mr Anthony Newton, replied cautiously: "Health authorities are free to use the title if they wish to do so."

Mr Lord then praised "the old matron who understood consultants, doctors, patients and her staff" and who played "a valuable role". In reply the Minister said something about it being "important to be clear about lines of management responsibility".

He thus created an impression of life in our great hospitals these days as being not much different from, say, Austin Rover - managers, with clip boards, organizing conveyor belts on which limbs are fitted or removed. This might have been what Mrs Renée Short, (Wolverhampton, North East,

Lab) was worried about. She intervened to complain about "the proliferation of general managers in our hospitals".

She seemed to be making a pro-matron point. If so, it was rare for a Labour backbencher. All the pro-matron cheers during the exchanges came from Tories. Matrons seem to be a straightforward left-right issue. Why? Perhaps it is because, to the Labour backbencher, they are authority figures. On the other hand, Labour backbenchers have no objection in principle to such authority figures as branch officials running a closed shop, race-awareness officers in places such as Brent, officials who tell council tenants they can't add a Spanish-style suntrap balcony, and Trotsky.

But our sociological musings on this vast subject were interrupted yesterday by the arrival of matron. She comes in at 3.15 on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons to give a sharp dose to a young Welshman in the ward who tends to get delirious and start shouting at her. Yesterday his accusations concerned the very subject of health. He accused her of not finding the money to implement a Disabled Persons Act. She replied that she was spending 75 per cent more on the long-term sick than her predecessor, Male Nurse Callaghan. It took her some time to put him to sleep with a draught of statistics.

Asked by someone else to list her engagements for the day, she said she had just come from Lord Stockton's memorial service. But surely there would have been nothing she could do for him at that late stage, since he must be presumed dead already? Certainly, there seem to be weekly memorial services for him. But then much of his life seems to have been a preparation for memorial services. Some suspect that his much-quoted last words - "I think I'll go to sleep now" - had been said by him every time he went to bed from about the age of 50. But it was right that one of the last of our old-style entertainers had the benefit of the presence of one of the last of our old-style matrons at one of the last of his memorial services.

### George Schöpfung on the Soviet satellites' rueful experience of reform

Judged by Soviet criteria, Mikhail Gorbachev's projected introduction of secret ballots in party elections and multiple candidacies for state offices are radical and look strikingly new. But there is good reason to question whether they will, in reality, achieve much.

These doubts spring both from Soviet political habits and from the experience of eastern Europe, which has been experimenting with political changes of this kind for well over two decades.

Gorbachev's approach, to judge from the evidence so far, has been to change institutions marginally and to concentrate on personnel policy: to replace existing corrupt office holders with more modern-minded individuals. There has been hardly a hint that the system itself generates the incompetence and corruption regarded by Gorbachev as his target. Despite the evidence that it has become the main obstacle to change, the monopoly of the Communist Party is sacrosanct.

The experience of eastern Europe is highly persuasive in this connection. Since Khrushchev's time, a certain amount of latitude in restructuring political institutions has been permitted in east European countries. At different times the Poles, Hungarians, Czechs and even the Bulgarians have played around with this idea.

But time and again it was discovered that a reform programme without a change in the structure of power would run into the sands or, as happened in Czechoslovakia in 1968, it would expose the Communist Party to open political contest. The options were either gradual recentralization, which was what happened in Bulgaria, Poland (under Giermek), East Germany and Hungary or, if the system was threatened, a reconstitution of the Soviet-type system, after the breach made in it by Solidarity in Poland.

The experience of Hungary, the country with the most reform-minded reputation, is highly instructive. The 1968 reforms, which began seriously to erode the power of local and even central



Gorbachev and friends: from top left, Kádár of Hungary, Jaruzelski of Poland, Husak of Czechoslovakia, and Ceausescu of Romania

## What Gorbachev can learn from east Europe

party chiefs, were quietly trimmed, and in the 1970s Hungary vegetated. Reform was back on the agenda in 1980, but the radical projects needed were shelved. The reform debate in Hungary invariably came up against this central constraint.

The party would not give away any of its cherished power and would not accept that economic or social needs were so pressing that a redistribution was the more efficient option. Yet the party reformers recognize the urgency. "The potential to be had from streamlining," a highly placed reformer told me in Hungary a year ago, "is exhausted; only the dismantling of the party's monopoly will help."

The Hungarians have been used to multiple candidacies in elections for 20 years, yet this has made little change in the direction Gorbachev hopes for. Popular participation has not become greater: office-holders have not become more accountable, and

the system remains as opaque and bureaucratic as ever.

But more significantly, by breaking the stranglehold of the central institutions over the election process, the party has witnessed a marked localization of power, though without any suggestion of greater democracy. In a small country like Hungary, this can be tolerated. But in the Soviet Union, with its enormous distances and the associated problems of supervision, this would be an anathema.

Yet, paradoxically, Gorbachev's initiative can be used by reform-minded east Europeans to justify their own, local projects. They can use what is done by the Soviet Union to argue to local conservatives that change is now again on the agenda. In this context, Gorbachev's speech on reform may come to have a considerable impact on those countries where a contest over change is already happening.

Poland and Hungary are the

first in the line. Since last summer, General Jaruzelski has sent several signals that a dialogue with society, however restricted, is something that he considers useful. Hints that popular participation may not be wholly excluded have been forthcoming.

The political infighting in Hungary is complicated by the unavoidable succession question, linking reform with the issue of Kádár's successor. The reformers are looking to a genuine restructuring of institutions, with accountability and openness. But they know their weaknesses. "What we have on our side is the economic mess, a section of the intelligentsia and the international situation," a very senior reformer said recently.

In Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria the situation is different. Here reform has been ejected from the agenda, even from the vocabulary of politics in Prague, so that Gorbachev's speech was received with unease and the hammering down of the hatches.

East Germany, for reasons of high levels of social discipline, literacy and subsidies from West Germany, is in the best shape of all to sidestep the need for reform. Romania, on the other hand, is now Europe's basket case and requires a lifeline rather than anything more sophisticated; this is unlikely to be launched as long as Ceausescu remains in power.

But neither in the Soviet Union nor in eastern Europe is there yet any persuasive answer to the central dilemma: how is a party, which has lost its ideological fervour and seeks to control as much power as possible, to expose itself to the competition needed to inspire dynamism?

So the idea of using the party as the engine of real change looks rather less than plausible. Even Gorbachev will find that this particular contradiction cannot be overcome without the kind of genuine radicalism that has been absent from Soviet-type politics for two or three generations.

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## TUNNEL AHEAD

Where technical problems have proved the undoing of a century of previous attempts to tunnel under the English Channel, it is organisational, personnel and financial problems which could do the same for the latest attempt to forge a fixed link between Britain and the continent. This has seemed so for some time, but it was confirmed yesterday when Eurotunnel's British co-chairman, Lord Pennock, issued a formal statement setting out his wish to step down once a suitable successor could be found.

A change in the leadership could hardly have come at a worse time. After the difficulties experienced with the initial equity placing, it is essential to retain the confidence of the financial community in the lead-up to the much bigger fund raising scheduled for the summer. What is now needed is a firm sense of direction, not a wave of uncertainty over who is to lead the project and how effectively it will be carried forward. The advertising campaign to restore confidence in the project is likely to be money wasted if the personnel problems are not sorted out.

Eurotunnel's problems, it must be said, are largely of its own making. The device of a British board and a French board, though it may have

helped to preserve *amour propre*, is not one calculated to produce the most dynamic management structure. And, indeed, it became painfully obvious that Eurotunnel's management needed some strengthening last autumn when the initial placing ran into difficulties. Lord Pennock has had a distinguished business career, but at the age of 66 he was never expected to see the project through to its completion in 1993, even on a part-time basis.

Sir Nigel Brookes, the chairman of the construction group, Trafalgar House, was duly brought on to the board in a non-executive capacity (effectively as co-chairman designate). But although he has all the right personal qualities, the appointment was not well thought out. Trafalgar has been unwilling to lose its founder and chairman more or less full time to the tunnel without some substantial return to the company. Also, the five construction companies already involved in the project were adamant that Trafalgar House, having lost the original beauty contest, was not going to share project at this late stage. As a result, the hunt is now on for an alternative replacement for Lord Pennock.

This uncertainty about the

chairmanship will not help with what Sir Nicholas Henderson, another board member and chairman of the former Channel Tunnel Group, this week called the company's "image problem". Unfortunately, the problems are not only of the sort which can be sorted out by a competent PR agency. Some major City institutions remain concerned about certain financial projections of the project. These fears may be allayed if the company can show a new dynamism, but they could form a difficult background to the forthcoming fund raising operation.

The Government cannot fail to be concerned about the lack of progress so far made by its chosen candidate for the fixed link. Ministers have been careful to distance themselves from what has always been a private sector project and have firmly resisted any suggestion that public funds should be involved. That they should continue to resist.

Nevertheless, the Government's face is at stake. Mrs Thatcher has endorsed the link as a national project and, politically, it will be seen as a test case for private sector infrastructure. Politics aside, it is in everyone's interests that the tunnel project resumes its forward momentum.

## A SMALL STEP FOR BRITISH TELECOM

Both sides in the negotiations for a settlement of the BT engineers' pay dispute are pleased with the proposed agreement which is to be put to the union today. Can the pleasure be more generally shared?

The answer must depend on whether the outcome will be higher wage costs which will add to consumer prices, or whether the higher pay conceded will genuinely bring higher productivity. The BT deal, if it is accepted by the union, is a matter of more moment for the economy as a whole than that of most single private companies, not just because it is very a large employer but because it is a virtual monopoly.

Of course, bad examples in wage settlements are always a cause for concern. But an inflationary settlement by a single company matters less if it faces significant competition. Uneconomic wage increases then only damage its own business to the benefit of its competitors.

It will be rightly said that the annual wage round, which once took on a broadly uniform pattern set by the deals of one or two crucial unions, is now less of a factor. In the last quarter of 1986, there was a slight move downwards in the general rate of pay settlements to between 4 and 6 per cent compared with 5 and 7 per cent in the first three quarters of the year.

Further, no simple trend appears to be emerging in the first batch of January settle-

ments, according to the analysis of Income Data Services. A number of individual settlements have been made some what above 5 per cent, and British Telecom, with its deal of a 12.66 per cent increase over two years is among them.

A two year deal is to be welcomed for providing some stability. But ultimately, the BT bargain will be judged according to whether the changes in work practices which have been agreed in exchange for more pay are effective.

British Telecom has regrettably dropped two changes. It wanted the flexibility to enable engineers to start a little earlier and work a little later (but without increasing their total hours). This was in order to service consumers who themselves have to leave for work before the engineers' normal start of work. The company also wanted freedom to recruit technical officers outside the industry. Neither reform is in the agreement.

On the other hand, the pay increase is linked to some operational and productivity changes. Jobs are to be re-defined to enable staff to do a wider range of work more flexibly; engineers are to be enabled to work in teams with mixed skills; technicians will be able to train in computer programming.

The pay increases are to be in stages over two years, starting from last July and not completed until June 1988, with each stage dependent on

implementation of the new efficiency agreement. These are small steps in the right direction.

It is clear that British Telecom is obliged to be more cautious than could be wished because it is a monopoly, and because business and commerce are so heavily dependent upon it. This dependence, however, should not be over-dramatised. During the engineers' strike, which has lasted over a fortnight, telephone calls have been getting through and the City has not been disrupted.

Telecommunications, like other high technology industries, depend less on maintenance than the older industries did. Once the wires and the cables are laid they can function on their own for long periods. Further, the competition from Mercury is a material factor, and its influence is strongest precisely in the those areas of commerce and business which in theory could be particularly disadvantaged by industrial trouble in British Telecom.

The lesson is that the faster competition and modernisation is pursued, the better chance for a profitable British Telecom which genuinely satisfies its consumers. Meanwhile, though the agreement concedes more than might be wished, it is not bad to be going on with. Though the left-wing union branches are preaching resistance, their members would be sensible to endorse it.

## FRIENDS AND COUNTRYMEN

The Government has not published its proposals for the so-called "rural revolution" with much aplomb. The relationship between the interests of farmers, planners, conservationists, builders (not to mention the humble lover of the countryside) is a sensitive one. It has not been so handled.

It began with a spicy Sunday newspaper story. On Monday afternoon, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, and Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, each chose at short notice to call separate press conferences rather than make a joint announcement of their true plans.

Mr Jopling, having given a Parliamentary answer, was later obliged to return to the House to tell MPs what he had already told journalists. Yesterday there was the fruitless game of "hunt the leaker" as each rival department tried to place the other in the front line of the Prime Minister's displeasure.

It is not the first time that Agriculture and Environment have clashed over these issues. In recent years, accumulating food surpluses and accusations (sometimes exaggerated) that farmers are destroying the countryside have forced the Ministry of Agriculture, traditionally concerned with food production and farm incomes, to become more "environmentally" conscious.

At the same time, the Department of the Environment has been determined to retain its overall responsibilities for planning and conservation. The Labour Party has already said that the way to resolve this conflict is to create a new Department of Rural Affairs.

When departmental squabbles rise so frequently to the surface, it is a reasonably sure sign that something more fundamental is wrong. But the Whitehall froth should not be allowed to obscure the substance of what is now being proposed. Not before time, the safeguarding of land for food production has lost its absolute priority. Not before time, the farmer has lost his title as countryside king.

Ten years ago the then Labour government published a White Paper, *Food From Our Own Resources*, drawing attention to the loss of agricultural land to development. A circular to local authorities stated that it was government policy that, so far as possible, land of good agricultural quality should not be taken for development where land of lower quality was available.

Now, in the shadow of the food mountains, a Conservative government is in effect saying that the planning authorities should no longer cite agricultural need as a reason for refusing applications, and that the Ministry of

Agriculture should have to be consulted only when a proposed development involves the loss of 50 or more acres of grade one or grade two farmland.

This has set alarm bells ringing all over the place. In the conservation lobby, for example, which until now has been generally hostile to farmers, there has been a sudden attack of nostalgia. A hundred acre cornfield, denuded of trees and hedges and sterilized by pesticides may be bad enough, the argument goes, but far better that than one covered in bricks and mortar.

A charter for "confifers and concrete" says Labour. Off with Mr Jopling's head, say the Tory landowners.

On the evidence so far, these are exaggerated reactions. The present planning system remains. There is no prospect of the uncontrolled spread of housing and industrial estates. There are many sites, particularly on the fringes of towns and villages, which could be put to more productive use, just as there are redundant farm buildings which are crying out for entrepreneurial tenants.

There may no longer be the degree of certainty about countryside development which existed in the past. The new proposals will have carefully to be watched. But the cries of pain are premature.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Public policy and the Zircon film

From Mr Nicholas Baker, MP for Dorset North (Conservative)  
Sir, On February 4 you published a letter from the President of the Royal Television Society and others about the Special Branch raid on the BBC's Glasgow headquarters. The writers expressed surprise that material necessary to the prosecution "can now apparently be confiscated legitimately".

Not only is this power available in criminal cases but a very similar right for plaintiffs exists in civil cases. While, for example, in a case of copyright infringement, a defendant is believed to be storing material such as film or document which infringes copyright and there is a good *prima facie* case that the material should be produced to the court, then a court, within strict safeguards, will grant an Anton Piller order for entry by the plaintiff to a defendant's premises and the surrender of the allegedly infringing material.

This power is only given by a court in extreme circumstances where the defendant is likely to conceal or dispose of the infringing evidence before it can be brought into court.

The writers of the letter agree that "no sensible person wishes to endanger national security". Surely we are entitled to expect that the BBC, a public corporation which ought to be equally concerned about national security, would be happy to produce to the court the film tapes sought by the police within strictly agreed criteria, rather than demanding that the police obtain a court warrant for this purpose?

The Zircon film is now apparently being offered for showing in Birmingham and other cities round the country. What action is the BBC, which was so anxious to protect its tapes of the film from the police, despite the plea of national security, taking now to prevent the showing of its precious copyright material?

Anyone who is genuinely concerned with national security finds it difficult to understand how a public corporation could think it right to entrust a series about the security services of the country to Mr Duncan Campbell, with his known background. Perhaps the BBC could give us some answers. Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS BAKER, House of Commons, February 6.

### Safeguards on women priests

From Dr D. Trew  
Sir, With regard to the Zircon affair, it is essential to peer through the smokescreen of party-political indignation and media self-righteousness to discover the unpleasant truth.

That is, there exists a breed of journalist who is prepared to make public any material he finds, regardless of its nature and effect, I suspect that the particular individual involved, whilst being an extreme and rather sinister example, has the admiration of large numbers of so-called investigative journalists in Fleet Street. These men operate under only one rule—"anything goes".

There are many groups in society, especially in the professions, who are constantly being told to "put their house in order" by the media. Isn't it about time that journalists exercised a similar attitude and so enhanced their rather low reputation?

Yours, D. TREW, Flat 3, 39 Shooters Hill Road, Blackheath, SE3, February 5.

From Dr P. A. J. Waddington  
Sir, One of the grounds upon which the Labour Party has criticised the Special Branch search of the BBC was that the police were being used as instruments of the Government's obsession with secrecy. This criticism seems odd, coming from a party which has consistently demanded the political control of the police.

Are we seriously to believe that a police, politically controlled by local or central government, would not then be used as an instrument of its political masters? Yours faithfully, P. A. J. WADDINGTON, University of Reading, Department of Sociology, PO Box 218, Whiteknights, Reading, Berkshire, February 3.

From Mr A. Birch  
Sir, It would seem that "freedom of information" has replaced "patriotism" as the last refuge of the scoundrel. Yours faithfully, A. BIRCH, 9 Brinsworth Road, Cuffley, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, February 7.

### Overseas aid

From the Chairman of Rural Investment Overseas Ltd  
Sir, The Strathclyde University research results now being applied by May & Baker (Science report, January 27) are an encouraging example of swift translation from laboratory to field. They are also material to an ongoing aspect of Britain's aid programme.

Aflatoxin costs Thailand's economy some \$200 million annually in discounted maize prices. Further millions have been regularly applied to finding a means of controlling it. Less than three years ago the Overseas Development Administration (with support from the Department of Trade and Industry) helped to fund a modest UK-Thai field research programme, making use of British drying technology. This pinpointed a simple and effective

solution which has been endorsed by the Royal Thai Government and the private sector which is being called upon to implement it.

The present final phase is helping small farmers and merchants to operate the system on a commercial scale. Out of it are growing joint ventures with Thai fabricators for a range of British post-harvest equipment; and a convenient test-bed for the May & Baker aflatoxin-spotting processes.

Thai officials have lauded this as one of the most effective pieces of British aid. It would be appropriate to pay tribute to them for what is also one of the best examples of co-operative endeavour at both public and private level.

Yours faithfully, J. LEECH, Chairman, Rural Investment Overseas Ltd, 10 Belgrave Square, SW1, January 27.

### Merger references

From Mr Alistair Sutherland  
Sir, Sir Roger Falk (January 29) confesses to finding "baffling" the distinction between asking the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to decide whether a merger is against rather than in the public interest.

Apart from other effects, any merger reduces the number of independent decision makers. That detriment to the public interest may possibly be offset by efficiency gains, or other public benefits. But under the legislation directing the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which on this point is the same now as in 1969, the onus is on the commission positively to prove the size of the detriments, not on the companies to demonstrate the existence or size of the benefits. Moreover, benefits do not have to be shown to exceed the detriments.

The consequence, which the commission has explicitly stated in its reports, is that positive net advantage to the public interest cannot be inferred from a finding by the commission that a monopoly or merger may not be expected

to operate against the public interest.

That result, together with a study of the published reports of the commission—which revealed at best slight evidence of any positive benefit—moved me also to add to the literature of 1969. My suggestion then was: If HMG is interested in using the Monopolies Commission to discover whether positions of market power are positively in the public interest the legislation will have to be amended to incorporate that specific question. That change is needed both in the merger references, especially those involving companies already very large—and in monopoly references. (*The Monopolies Commission in Action*, CUP, 1969).

I submit that there is a very real practical difference between the two forms of the question; and that, in the light of the extent, effects and methods used in the process of merger activity since 1969, the modest suggestion that the onus of proof should now be put on the merging giants has not quite outlived its usefulness. But there is not much time left. Yours faithfully, A. SUTHERLAND, Trinity College, Cambridge, January 29.

### Multiplying magpies

From the Director of the Game Conservancy Trust  
Sir, Your correspondents' comments on recent increases in magpie numbers are supported by the data collected annually by the national game census, organised by the Game Conservancy. Over 500 farms and estates throughout the UK supply information about game abundance and also about numbers of pest species killed. This is analysed on the basis of numbers killed per square kilometre (c. 247 acres).

Despite a slight reduction in the numbers of gamekeepers in full-time employment and evidence of reduced levels of predator control over many estates, magpie populations, as indicated by the numbers killed per km<sup>2</sup>, have shown a countrywide upward trend from an average of just over 1 per km<sup>2</sup>

in 1961 to more than 2.2 per km<sup>2</sup> by 1985.

This census indicates a four-fold increase in south-east England, with an apparent doubling of numbers in East Anglia and a smaller though still significant increase in south-west England. These carefully calculated estimates confirm observations by other organisations and individuals, but the long-term effect of corvid predation on populations of game birds and other species is not yet fully understood and establishing this forms an important part of the Game Conservancy's predation research project, currently in progress in central southern England.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD VAN OSS, Director, The Game Conservancy Trust, Fordingbridge, Hampshire, February 4.

## ON THIS DAY

FEBRUARY 11 1913

News of the fate of Scott's last expedition provided a grim illustration of the state of communications earlier this century. Scott's party reached the South Pole in January, 1912. A year later, news first reached the world of the tragedy.

### ANTARCTIC DISASTER

LOSS OF CAPTAIN SCOTT AND HIS PARTY. OVERWHELMED IN A BLIZZARD.

THE SOUTH POLE REACHED.

News reached London last night that Captain Scott and four of his comrades in the expedition which set out for the Antarctic on board the Terra Nova in 1910 have lost their lives. The circumstances in which disaster has befallen the little party of British explorers will serve to intensify the national concern for the same telegram from Christchurch New Zealand, which tells of their fate. It also tells that they had reached the South Pole on January 18 of last year and were returning in triumph to the base. According to the message we print below, signed by Commander Evans, the members of the party were out 68 miles from the base in March when they were overtaken by a blizzard, and Captain Scott, Dr. E. A. Wilson, the surgeon, and Lieutenant Bowers died from exposure. Captain Oates had met a similar fate on March 17—12 days before the others perished—and Petty Officer Evans had died exactly a month earlier, apparently from injuries received in an accident.

One has to go far back in the history of exploratory enterprise to find any disaster of like magnitude. It is true that in the Franklin Expedition many more men perished, but the loss to British exploring enterprise could hardly have been greater. The information available so far is meagre. Captain Scott, with the determination and singleness of purpose which characterized him, carried out the programme which he had laid down for himself, notwithstanding that his Norwegian rival (Amundsen) had already reached the Pole.

The last supporting party left Captain Scott and his companions in excellent health and spirits on January 4, 1912, in 87° 35' South, 150 miles from the Pole. This they reached, according to the information received, in 14 days, which was very good travelling in the circumstances. It was on their return from this brilliant exploit that disaster overtook the party. They met with one of those blizzards which are probably the most formidable obstacles to Polar exploration. Naturally they would be as lightly equipped as possible, and as these blizzards often last for days at a time it is to be feared that the equipment was insufficient.

The expedition in its first year did a large quantity of excellent work, and there can be no doubt that when the record of the second year is available it will prove that no more successful expedition from the scientific point of view has ever entered either the Arctic or the Antarctic.

The Terra Nova has been sighted at Oamaru, and she is expected to reach Lyttelton, New Zealand, on Thursday. Mrs Scott is on board the Aorangi, which is on its way from San Francisco to Auckland. Efforts are being made to communicate with her by wireless telegraphy.

The fate of the expedition has called forth expressions of sympathy from all quarters, and those who have had experience of the dangers of the Antarctic pay earnest tributes to the intrepidity, the valour, and the chivalry of Captain Scott. His Majesty the King was among the first to express publicly a sense of the loss that the nation has suffered by the death of "these gallant explorers".

### Plainer English

From Professor John Honey  
Sir, A judge has called for "plainer English" in the courts (report, February 7). But does Mr Justice Staughton really understand the important function of "politeness forms" if he can suggest that "with great respect" simply means "You are utterly wrong"?

Think how often we now avoid the plain English question. "What is your name?" in ordinary social or commercial encounters. Instead there is a range of oblique forms such as "Your name is . . ." and "What did you say your name was?"

Directory inquiries staff now commonly use the special formula "How are you spelling that?" presumably because, as recent surveys of illiteracy remind us, millions of people in Britain find any question beginning "How do you spell?" . . . confrontational and alarming.

So the "with respect" formula signals not merely disagreement but also an often costly effort to reduce the level of aggression. Dispensing with politeness forms would make legal processes even more blatantly adversarial and threatening than they are now.

Yours faithfully, JOHN HONEY, 5 Woods Close, Oadby, Leicestershire.

From Mr J. I. Karet  
Sir, With reference to Mr Justice Staughton's plea for plainer English in courts, in my humble submission archaic dress begets archaic speech. Yours faithfully, JEROME KARET, Omond Gaunt and Rose, 349 Regents Park Road, N3, February 7.











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★ **BREAKING THE CODE:** Riveting performance by Derek Jacobi as the enigmatic Alan Turing, wartime computer genius and homosexual. Haymarket Theatre, Haymarket, SW1 (01-830 8832). Tue 8.15-11pm, Fri 8.15-11pm, matinee Wed and Sat 3-5.30pm, £4-21.50.

★ **BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS:** Neil Simon's vivid recollection of a Brooklyn childhood. Waves of emotion. An NT transfer. Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 5404, cc 01-379 9233). Tue 8.15-11pm, Fri 8.15-11pm, matinee Wed 3-5.15pm, Sat 3-5.15pm, £25.50-£13.50. Until June 2.

★ **CABARET:** Muddled revival of this musical tale of 1930s Berlin. Haymarket Theatre, Haymarket, SW1 (01-830 8832). Tue 8.15-11pm, Fri 8.15-11pm, matinee Wed and Sat 3-5.15pm, £25.50-£13.50. Until June 2.

★ **DAVE ALLEN LIVE:** Last week to catch this relaxed rock act. Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-836 3876, cc 01-379 6565/6433). Tue 8.15-11pm, Fri 8.15-11pm, matinee Wed 3-5.15pm, £25.50-£13.50. Until Feb 14.

★ **GHOSTS:** Vanessa Redgrave in peak form in this gripping masterpiece. Until Feb 14. Wyndham Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 3022, cc 01-379 6565). Tue 8.15-11pm, Fri 8.15-11pm, matinee Wed 3-5.15pm, Sat 3-5.15pm, £25.50-£13.50.

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## OUT OF TOWN

★ **MIR AND MRS NOBODY:** The home life of the Footers. Imaginatively staged and not too cosy too often. Judi Dench and Michael Williams a beguiling couple. Garrick Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-379 6107). Tue 8.15-11pm, Fri 8.15-11pm, matinee Wed 3-5.15pm, Sat 3-5.15pm, £25.50-£13.50.

★ **SIEGFRIED SASSOON:** Peter Barker uses the poet's own words to tell his story: a limited viewpoint but still effective. Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663/01-434 3598). Tue 8.15-11pm, Fri 8.15-11pm, matinee Wed 3-5.15pm, Sat 3-5.15pm, £25.50-£13.50.

★ **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE:** The Arthur Miller season continues with this 1950s drama of unacknowledged desire. Stars Michael Gambon. National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252). Tue 8.15-11pm, Fri 8.15-11pm, matinee Wed 3-5.15pm, Sat 3-5.15pm, £25.50-£13.50.

★ **WOMAN IN MIND:** Poignant Ayckbourn drama with award-winning Julia McKenzie as a wife at her wit's end. Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9897, cc 01-240 7200). Tue 8.15-11pm, Fri 8.15-11pm, matinee Wed 3-5.15pm, Sat 3-5.15pm, £25.50-£13.50.

★ **WONDERFUL TOWN:** Marvellous Maureen Lipman in Neil Simon's witty musical. Queens Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-734 0120/01-734 0121). Tue 8.15-11pm, Fri 8.15-11pm, matinee Wed 3-5.15pm, Sat 3-5.15pm, £25.50-£13.50.

★ **LONG RUNNERS:** The Business of Murder. Mayfair Theatre (01-829 3030). Tue 8.15-11pm, Fri 8.15-11pm, matinee Wed 3-5.15pm, Sat 3-5.15pm, £25.50-£13.50.

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## FILMS

★ **GREENWICH:** The Viewings. Graeme Garden as unearthing visitor bringing surprised bomb-maker to good. Old play by David Pownall, strongly acted. Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, London SE10 (01-858 7755). Mon-Sat 7.45-9.50pm, matinee Sat 2.30-4.35pm, £25.50-£13.50.

★ **HAYES:** Not About Heroes. Stephen McDonald's resonant account of the meeting of the First War poets, Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen. Back Theatre, Grange Road, Hayes, Middx (01-881 7506). Mon-Sat 7.45-9.50pm, matinee Sat 2.30-4.35pm, £25.50-£13.50.

★ **MANCHESTER:** A Whole Healthy Glasgow. Funny and very outspoken power struggle in a Glasgow Heath Club. Until Feb 14. Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (01-833 9838). Mon-Sat 7.30-9.45pm, Fri and Sat 8.10-10.15pm, matinee Wed 2.30-4.35pm, £25.50-£13.50.

★ **SUNDERLAND:** Shakespeare's Henrys. Michael Pennington as Prince Hal and Henry V in Michael Bogdanov's trilogy for the New English Shakespeare Company. Empire Theatre, High Street West (01-833 9838). Mon-Sat 7.30-9.45pm, Fri and Sat 8.10-10.15pm, matinee Wed 2.30-4.35pm, £25.50-£13.50.

★ **WATFORD:** Madame Bovary. Claudine Auger as Emma Bovary. Watford Palace Theatre, Watford, Herts (01-948 2252). Tue 8.15-11pm, Fri 8.15-11pm, matinee Wed 3-5.15pm, Sat 3-5.15pm, £25.50-£13.50.

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Photography may be the purest form of documentary evidence but it should not always be taken at its face value. The point is made by Val Williams, organizer of *Women Photographers of Great Britain 1900-1950*, where she gives as Vanessa Bell's extensive snapshot documents of her family life in Sussex from the 1920s to the 1950s. The photographs tell of a domestic idyll, one of endless summer picnics and jolly children. However they tell little of the real emotional upheaval of day-to-day life at Charleston. In comparison Edith Tarrant's pictures of poverty-stricken children

(above) in a Hertfordshire mining village during the mid 1930s arrest our attention in an emotional way. Her pictures are unashamedly political documents almost centuries removed from the theatrical dramas contrived by that great British Victorian, Julia Margaret Cameron, or the elegant portraits of a studio photographer of the 1930s, Dorothy Wilding. The *Photographers of Great Britain 1900-1950*, Tuesday to Saturday, 11am-7pm. Open until March 14. A book of the exhibition by Val Williams is published by Virago at £9.95. Michael Young

★ **JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS (15):** Well-behaved barmaid with Mary Tyler Moore as the woman forced from her domestic life by her husband's infidelity. With Ted Danson, written and directed by Allan Burns (111 min). Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 3810) Progs 1.45, 3.55, 6.00, 8.25. Canon 1000 (01-636 3810) Progs 1.45, 3.55, 6.00, 8.25.

★ **A LOVE BEWITCHED (PG):** De la Fall's ballet El Amor Brujo - stylized ballet by Carlos Saiz - tells of a love affair between a Gypsy and a Spanish nobleman. Curzon Mayfair (01-493 3737). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

★ **THE MISSION (PG):** Jesuits and colonialists struggle for power in 18th century South America. With Robert De Niro, Jeremy Irons, Roland Joffe directs with a fine eye for spectacle and a blind eye for the script's deficiencies (125 min). Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

★ **WARRIOR WEST END (01-493 0791, cc 01-373 6990):** Progs 12.10, 2.55, 5.40, 8.25.

★ **THE MOSQUITO COAST (PG):** Harrison Ford and Helen Mirren in an atmospheric adventure based on a true story of a family taking refuge from fast foods and vulgarity in Central America's rivers and jungle (119 min). Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

★ **PEGGY SUE GOT MARRIED (15):** Francis Ford Coppola's warm, sophisticated time-warped comedy, in which Kathleen Turner's troubled mother-in-law falls back in high school (103 min). Electric Screen (01-229 3894). Progs 2.40, 4.40, 6.45, 9.00.

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## GALLERIES

★ **NAUM GABO (1890-1977):** A major survey of pioneering abstract sculpture in various materials by a Russian whose temporary residence in England exerted considerable influence on British art. Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313). Mon-Sat 10-5.30pm, Sun 12-5.30pm, £2.50. Until April 20.

★ **ATHENA ART AWARDS:** 100 entries from the thousands submitted in the competition for the country's biggest art prize. £25,000 to the winner, put up by the poster and print publishers. Concourse Gallery, Barbican Centre, Barbican, London EC2 (01-836 4141). Mon-Sat 11-5pm, Sun 12-5pm. Free. Until March 8.



## THE ARTS

## Rueful reindeer

The next time you see a Christmas card glowing naturally, spare a thought for the reindeer of central Norway munching lichen contaminated by radioactive fall-out from Chernobyl. Having been rounded up and shot in the ear, it must be the ultimate indignity for these handsome beasts to have their carcasses condemned by government scientists and fed to captive min.

An invisible enemy (Grenada) interviewed some of the Sami people (formerly known

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as Laplanders) whose traditional way of life is threatened by Marxist-Leninist capitalism, rendering the luxury meat they farm inedible to man. Last November's second cull of the winter revealed contamination levels seven times the new safety limit, itself 10 times the old. The Sami could do nothing but struggle on their traditional duvet-coats and hop on their traditional snow-scooters to collect their government compensation.

For technical reasons, invisibility does not make very good television and, since Chernobyl has already earned prodigious coverage, it might have been a smarter move to devote this hour to a fuller profile of the Sami on this evidence they appear far from an endangered species.

Earlier, the intrepid Paul Heiney weighed in with a trailer for his spring series of *In at the Deep End* (BBC1) by learning to direct a pop-promo video. Briefed by the hapish Ken Russell, Mr Heiney eventually spent a night in dockland in the company of Bananarama, a couple of *Singing Detective* shadows and several tame rats. The result was three minutes of competent cliché which Mr Russell deemed "very good" and which Bananarama rejected, at least for the American market.

One always admires Mr Heiney's ability to muddle through. Fragrant situations with a fair approximation of sang-froid, like a resting sheep who cannot take his "filler" jobs too seriously. "Was there anything wrong with my whole approach to it?" was a gem of a question from a man in the process of spending \$20,000 on an indulgence.

Martin Cropper



Hierarchy takes a grip: Adam the strong-jawed leader (Nigel Planer, left) and would-be classless Leo (Steven O'Donnell)

## A jungle of hilarity that traps its own creator

With background screams from the rape-avoidance class, squabbles among the resident mime troupe, and children of Labour councillors spying on the staff for ideological backsliding, life at the Tigo Road Community Centre is a bit of a jungle.

Adam (Nigel Planer), the community liaison officer, and his two colleagues (no hierarchy on these premises) are half-way through a normal chaotic morning when they take delivery of a large box full of books with titles like *They Dined on Bison* and *A Few Camp Yarns*, these being the last effects of a Mr Croome, founder of the post-scouting Kindred of Backwoodsmen, from whom the community team learn they are to inherit £10,000. Rapture at this windfall is promptly wiped out by a solicitor's letter stipulating that they must erect a shrine to Croome featuring two furry animals holding up a token swastika. Occupying the erstwhile site of a backwoodsmen's hut, the centre is standing on fascist territory.

Such is the splendid opening of Christopher Douglas's play, which promises to apply the tactics of classical farce to a taboo-ridden world where Labour councillors replace vicars and battleaxe wives. Luxuriating in all the lovely material at his disposal, Mr Douglas begins by running the two Tigo Road communities in parallel. As Adam and his helpers battle with the day's

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Scout's Honour  
Lyric, Hammersmith

crises, the lights dim and the spectre of Croome — a moustached John Fortune in baggy shorts — arises from his box to preach the doctrine of male hardness and warn his fellow Britons to shun jazz-crazed harridans and the cigarette of torpor.

The flow of pastiche Warwick Deeping is effortless, and is made even more blissfully funny through contrast with the idiom of the community workers. On one side there is a man whose every second word is a Freudian slip; on the other a group who can hardly speak without having to pay a fine into the Sexist Comments tin.

The next, logical step is for the two sides to merge. And no sooner has Croome set his eyes on the African horizon than the Tigo Road trio change into Backwoodsmen and hierarchy sets in with a vengeance. Adam is the strong-jawed leader, followed in blind obedience by the would-be classless Leo (Steven O'Donnell), and Gary — a West Indian graphic artist — changes into a hideable savage.

At this point it begins to appear that

Mr Douglas has taken too much on board. Besides the double comedy of leftist present and fascist past, there is also the outs-and-bolts farce into which he launches with reckless invention. The plotting just about stays on the rails, but only with a great sense of strain; and, as so often in British farce, laughter subsides into embarrassment.

*Scout's Honour* is a thesis play, picking two totally opposed aspects of English life and presenting them as mirror images of each other. Reduced to factual terms, this idea is manifestly untrue. And the piece goes awry because of the continual need to blur the comparison. What does strike true to both forms of life is the woebegone parting shot of Leo to the defecting Adam: "When people get a better job they just, like, leave." It is the eternal complaint of the abandoned clubman.

Mike Bradwell's production is stunningly cast and rises to some notably lunatic peaks, especially when fringe theatre invades the stage with Gary (Vas Blackwood) stifling inside a rubber cruise missile ("that thing is dangerous") and Rachel Bell bearing down on her prey while putting her mayoral chain into orbit. The show leaves you feeling you are getting two plays for the price of one; but at least you can take your pick.

Irving Wardle

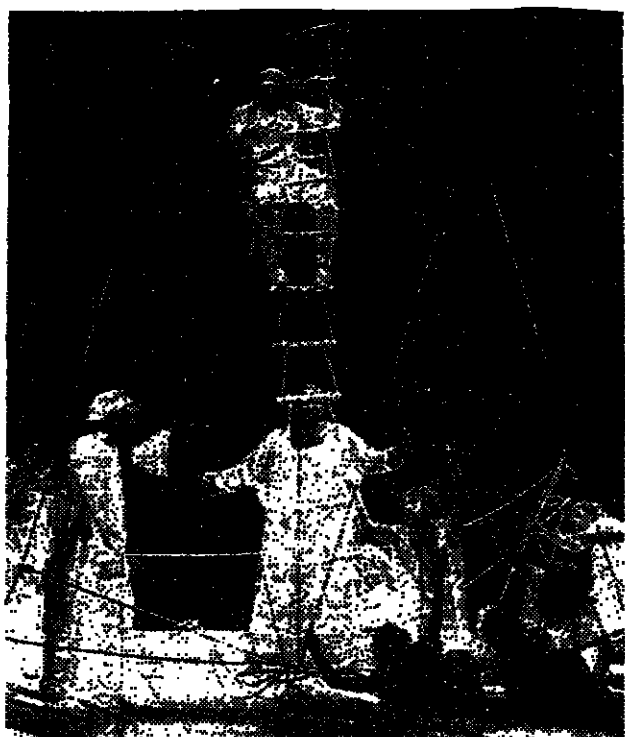
## Thriller for London

Aribert Reimann's highly acclaimed *Lear* has just been scheduled for the Coliseum in 1988-89: Richard Morrison, in Mönchen-Gladbach, samples the same production team's latest, still more daring, enterprise

A small town in Germany is currently offering a foretaste of the kind of operatic excitement that London audiences may soon expect. Elke Grams, Eberhard Matthies and the American baritone Monte Jaffe — the director, designer and principal male singer respectively in Mönchen-Gladbach Opera's staging of Siegfried Mathus's *Judith* — are all being imported by English National Opera in the 1988-89 season. They will be the basis of the first British production of Aribert Reimann's controversial opera *Lear*.

Judging from this audaciously staged *Judith*, Coliseum patrons are in for a thriller. Premiered at the Komische Oper in 1985 (where, as Paul Moor reported on this page, it received much acclaim), *Judith* is the sixth opera by Matthius, now probably East Germany's leading composer. It is based on the Apocryphal story of the siege of the Jewish town of Bethulia by Nebuchadnezzar's army, commanded by the ruthless Holofernes. The desperate plight of her town prompts the young widow Judith to beautify herself and walk straight into the enemy camp. Admitted to Holofernes's tent, she does what a patriotic girl has to do: she gets the repulsive commander drunk, and chops off his head. A *Tosca* with the imagination of a Salome, perhaps.

Filtered through an 1840 drama by Friedrich Heibel, the story now investigates how oppression (both military and sexual) breeds a callous cruelty in the victims which can even exceed the inhumanity of their tormentors. Despite all its psychological sophistication, however, the opera still depicts fairly explicitly such everyday biblical happenings as child-murder, hangings, stonings, decapitation, rape and a gentleman slashing his own wrists for fun. The



The sinister web of symbolism in Eberhard Matthies's set

costuming was on the video-nasty side, too: the marauding Babylonian troops were deformed zombies. Holofernes was the epitome of malevolence in punkish black with Nazi overtones, and Nebuchadnezzar's messenger was a gross, jelly-like figure painted entirely in gold.

Yet it says much for Grams's production that these aspects never seemed excessive. Every shock element had its purpose in a web of symbolism that was often conveyed in simultaneous scenes. Matthies's set played a crucial part: an enormous hydraulic tongue separating the worlds of besiegers and besieged; a mesh of vertical ropes suggesting Babylonian tents; captivity or even a hangman's noose.

Matthius's music is as relentlessly driven and compulsively exciting as the action. He is yet another lapsed serialist, whose eclectic range, brilliantly matching instrumentation to characterization, now moves from *Wozzeck*-like expressionism through some superbly calculated chamber scorings (evoking Henze in their disquieting atmosphere) to brazenly tonal gestures. Only after Holofernes's decapitation does the pace flag. A long, moralizing chorus over a passacaglia dissipates tension, possibly to

make a political point — though the West Germans effectively blurred that by their open-ended staging.

The cast was dominated by Jaffe's superb Holofernes, a presence reeking of moral turpitude and voice of tremendous thrust. There was no real indication here of how he would play Lear (a role he has already sung in Germany), except that he is clearly a consummate actor. So too is Christa Ranzacher, whose Judith was as mentally unhinged as her adversary. She lost her way in this taxing music once (and was coolly rescued by the highly organized conductor Reinhard Schwarz) but, at 26, her vocal power is extraordinary.

The orchestra's strings had their bumpy moments in *allissimo*, and a pre-recorded tape discreetly boosted the chorus occasionally. But the resourcefulness of this provincial company in filling the numerous smaller roles so competently, and in devoting so much care and cash to this work, prompts nothing but admiration. For Mönchen-Gladbach Opera to risk mounting 30 performances of *Judith* in Krefeld is the equivalent of Opera North deciding to perform, say, David Blake's *Toussaint* 30 times in Doncaster. In Germany opera administrators are able to think the unthinkable.

Paul Griffiths

## Delicate power in astonishing consistency

John Russell Taylor introduces the major retrospective exhibition *Naum Gabo: Sixty Years of Constructivism*, which opens today at the Tate

Whether through perversity, or through sheer natural humanity asserting itself, we do seem, in the arts, to swing constantly from one extreme to the other.

At the beginning of the decade all the purity and remoteness of minimal art was truly wearisome, and inevitably we fell all of a heap for the wilder manifestations of Neo-Expressionism, full of blood and guts and colour. Now, perhaps, we have already had our fill of that, and are ready to turn back to crispness, coolness, clarity, abstraction. If so, the beautifully arranged retrospective *Naum Gabo: Sixty Years of Constructivism*, at the Tate until April 20 after a lengthy tour of North America and

Germany, could hardly be more timely.

All the venues have been apropos; all that was needed was a Russian showing (perhaps more likely now than ever before) to complete the tally of Gabo's working-places. He was born in Russia in 1890, and lived and worked there (with trips abroad) until 1922, when he went to Germany and frequented advanced circles there, teaching for a while at the Bauhaus. Persecution by Nazi stormtroopers in 1932 was a signal to move on again, and this time he came eventually to England, after meeting and making friends with Ben Nicholson, Barbara Hepworth and Herbert Read in Paris. Naturally, with those friends,



Russian intricacy in Gabo's *Constructed Head No 2 of 1916*

ends, he gravitated to St Ives, and became such an integral (and influential) part of the scene there that it is amazing he is not included in *British Art in the 20th Century* at the Academy. In 1946 he moved again, to America, and settled in Connecticut, where he lived until his death in 1977.

It sounds like a fairly typical *émigré* itinerary, but through all his moves Gabo preserved an amazing consistency — not to mention an amazing amount of his own early work. In the present show there are many pieces labelled "re-assembled", which means exactly what it says: intricate constructions from his early Russian years, often made out of rather fragile materials like cardboard, somehow followed him round, taken to pieces and stored in boxes and bags, until eventually they were pieced together again according to the original specifications. There are also many sculptures with two dates, maybe 40 years apart. This means that they were conceived around the first date, and actually realized from the original plans only much later.

The fact that he could do this demonstrates one side of the consistency — which certainly does not preclude development. The other advantage is that the big pieces partly or wholly in transparent plastic do not suffer from that ineluctable yellowing and ageing which has overtaken so many of, for example, Pasmore's early constructions. This feeling of freshness no

Bryan Kneale  
Royal College of Art

Alan Davie: Major Works of the Fifties  
Gimpel Fils

Bryan Kneale is known primarily as a sculptor, and is indeed head of the Sculpture Department in the Royal College of Art, which makes it particularly appropriate that a retrospective of his work should be the first real show in the college's newly installed Henry Moore Gallery (until February 27). And indeed the sculptures of some 25 years do make an impressive display, reminding us again of the now almost forgotten flowering of figurative or semi-figurative sculpture in this country during the Fifties and Sixties, before awareness of it was swept away by the international successes of Caro's geometry.

But in this show too Kneale reveals an unfamiliar side with a series of large-scale drawings, all dating from the last three years, of animal skeletons in the Natural History Museum. These are truly amazing: highly decorative, but at the same time informed with all the solidity of a sculptor's vision, whether he is looking, and persuading us to look, at a tiger or a turbot, an ant-eater or a heron.

Another timely reminder of the strengths of British art in the two decades after the Second World War is provided by the show Alan Davie: *Major Works of the Fifties*, at Gimpel Fils until the end of the week. Davie always was an awkward customer, certainly to fit into any convenient compartment of British art. Nowadays he is much involved with esoteric rituals, voodoo and such. In the Fifties he was about as near as we came to a native member of the COBRA group, with their anticipations (as we would now define it) of the German and Italian Neo-Expressionists of *Zeitgeist*. And all by himself, for there is little or no evidence that he even knew of COBRA's existence when he started painting in this way, and was first discovered by Peggy Guggenheim.

The paintings look today as strong and slightly friskish as ever. He may be an acquired, and probably an un-British (even un-Scottish), taste but there is no denying the surviving potency of his images.

J.R.T.

## CONCERTS

Endymion/  
Knussen  
Purcell Room

by Schoenberg himself, the arrangement served a practical function in allowing performance of a work awaiting admittance to the orchestral repertoire.

As Oliver Knussen, the evening's conductor, reminded us, it is still shamefully out there waiting, and so perhaps the reduction has not unfitted its usefulness. The prominence of piano and, particularly, harmonium smells of the practice room, but Knussen wrenched his players to a surprising fierceness in the first and fourth movements, and brought out in the finale the drag of the waltz.

Ligeti's Cello Concerto

LPO/Lubbock  
Festival Hall

haunted landscape in the latter part of the first movement. Ideas there are in plenty, jostling with each other for attention in a rich and busy score. Its sheer energy recalls one of Odgon's comments a few years ago about the physical exuberance he feels in playing.

With this in mind, the weight and drive of the piano part was clearly to be expected.

If anything, though, Odgon has reversed the usual trend by giving all his best material to the orchestra. There are brilliant moments for all departments here, and one's only wish was that the London Philharmonic Orchestra under John Lubbock might have given them a sharper definition. A solid and unlovely account of the Overture to *Die Meistersinger* confirmed they were on less than their best form.

Richard Fairman

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## Davison makes hay

Having maintained a discreet silence since his controversial departure from Lloyd's a year ago, Ian Hay Davison, the insurance market's first independent chief executive, is about to burst into print. His book, *A View of the Room 1983-1987*, will be published by Weidenfeld in late May or June. It will review the recent changes at Lloyd's and assess the market's current standing. A final chapter is being added on the just-published Neil Report — Davison's evidence to the Neil committee that more independent oversight was needed at Lloyd's received sympathetic treatment in the report. Although Davison is uniquely positioned to spill bitter and unspilled beans, he says his book — much to the relief of those still at Lloyd's — will not be a muckraking or sensational tract. In character with its author, it will be forthright. "I'm being responsible," he says — a little disappointingly for the rest of us. The book will retail for around £10.95 and will have a sizeable first print run of 10,000 copies.



"Have you something subtly more aggressive, suitable for a takeover offer?"

## Rover's return

In his distant youth Anthony Tennant, the man favourite to become the next chief executive of Guinness, once worked for Ogilvy and Mather, the ad agency — then known as Mather and Crowther. An ambitious young thing, I hear, he left the agency's employ abruptly one day — P45 in hand — after attempting to bring about a palace coup. Ironically, the lucrative Guinness advertising account, worth an estimated £5 million plus, now rests with none other than the aforementioned Ogilvy and Mather. But not for much longer, perhaps.

It's those computers again. Nationwide Building Society has just told investors that it has completed computerization of its branch network — which, says Tim Melville-Ross, chief general manager, will increase efficiency. His first act of greater efficiency is to stop sending half-yearly statements to investors in favour of yearly statements. Patrick Hubber, weren't thou alive at this hour.

## Penny wise

Ronald Penny, the latest City figure to be questioned by the DTI in connection with the missing Guinness millions, had been employed by Anthony Parnes, the former Laing & Cruickshank half-commission man, for a number of years and had, I'm told, a bird's eye view of all recent transactions. Penny, described as an "administration clerk" was actually Parnes' bookkeeper and kept a written record of all deals done. A valuable document, indeed.

The burgeoning new career of Mervyn Fogel, former managing director of Texas Homecare and nephew of the company's founder Manny Fogel — was given the official seal of approval yesterday when Pentland Industries invested £500,000 in his US-based ceramic tile wholesaler, Tilepak, in return for a 51 per cent stake. Mervyn, aged 45, whose name sold out to Ladbroke last year for £200 million, also operates a company called Caltech, importing DIY hardware from Italy and Taiwan.

## Classical tact

Tact is an essential quality for a Prime Minister abroad. Yesterday, Senator Bettino Craxi, the Italian premier, made good use of it in a speech to a gathering of clearing bankers, civil servants, industrialists and academics at the Mansion House. Craxi enumerated, with understandable pride, the economic successes of his government. But he discreetly failed to mention the fact that a recent survey had shown that for the first time, average income per capita in Italy has overtaken Britain. Perhaps he is simply wise in the ways of economists. On Monday, another set of figures — from the OECD — suggested that we were still marginally ahead.

Carol Leonard

# Industry casts off bank borrowing burden

During the past few months an unexpected and rather eerie silence has descended. There has been no waiting and gnashing of teeth from industrialists about the high level of interest rates.

True, the Confederation of British Industry has kept up the pressure for lower rates, but this is so ingrained in CBI philosophy that it is hard to envisage a time when it will not be pressing for lower borrowing costs.

But the day-to-day evidence of industry creaking under the weight of high interest rates, of the sort that emerged in 1980 and 1981, has not been present, in spite of historically high real interest rate levels.

There are several reasons for this. Industry has enjoyed a bonanza, now fast disappearing, from the fall in world oil and commodity prices, which pushed down raw material and fuel costs.

The substantial devaluation of sterling, notably against European currencies, with a drop of more than 30 per cent against the mark since the middle of 1985, has been bigger, on a trade-weighted basis, than the fraught devaluation of 1967, and a mirror image of the experience of 1980-81.

And with productivity up sharply from its depressed levels of a year ago, the rise in unit labour costs has shown a marked slowdown, easing the wage burden on industry.

But even without this collection of favourable factors, it is logical that industry is less pressured by high interest rates. This is because of the trend away from bank borrowing and towards other forms of finance.

The global shift from debt to equity is being matched by British industry. And, in Britain, it has been given an added spur by changes in corporate tax.

Before the 1984 Budget, there was a considerable tax advantage in debt over equity financing, with a corporation tax rate of 52 per cent and an imputed basic rate of income tax of 30 per cent. The changes

COMPANY FUNDING									
Source of funds for industrial and commercial companies (£ bn)									
	1982/3	1983/4	1984/5	1985/6	1986/7	1987/8	1988/9	1989/90	
Internal funds/transfers	22.4	27.8	33.6	31.8	32.2	38.3	40.5	43.8	
Bank borrowing	3.3	4.0	7.5	5.5	2.6	5.3	5.2	4.9	
Share/debenture issues	1.7	2.1	3.7	5.1	7.4	4.1	4.0	4.0	
Other (net)	-4.5	-2.8	-5.1	-7.2	+13.1	-2.5	-3.7	-3.5	
Total sources	23.6	29.7	41.3	36.7	46.7	45.1	46.9	50.2	

Source: London Business School

LARGE COMPANY INCOME GEARING*									
% average for:	1970/79	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985		
Capital goods firms	18.6	35.9	32.7	31.9	22.9	20.3	23.3		
Consumer group	15.6	23.3	21.3	21.5	16.5	16.4	16.7		
All industrial	17.1	28.0	25.3	27.0	20.3	18.8	19.0		
Oil companies	4.5	13.6	15.4	19.7	13.0	11.5	12.3		
Industrials and oils	14.7	22.9	24.2	24.8	18.0	16.8	17.2		

\* Interest charges as % of profit before interest and taxation Source: Datastream

feature a progressive reduction in the rate of corporation tax to 35 per cent, with the removal of capital allowances.

Thus, the prospective relief on debt finance is declining, and the comparative advantage for companies of bank borrowing over equity issues is greatly reduced. Cut in the basic rate of income tax now in prospect for the Budget may change the precise numbers, but are unlikely to affect the overall picture greatly.

Industry can switch into bank borrowing when conditions justify it, but it is no longer required to do so. The London Business School projections, to be published in its *Financial Outlook*, suggest a slightly higher profile for bank borrowing by companies than in its November *Outlook*.

This is because the LBS is rather more optimistic about interest rate prospects now. Companies are likely to respond to lower interest rates with some switching into bank finance.

Even so, as a proportion of the funds required by industry, bank borrowing is set to show a substantial fall. In 1984-85, bank borrowing accounted for nearly all the net external finance needed by industrial and commercial companies, and almost a fifth of all sources of funds.

In 1986-87, according to LBS estimates, bank borrow-

ing by companies will be a third of its 1984-85 level, and just 5 per cent of all funds.

Income gearing — interest charges as a proportion of profit before interest and tax — has declined sharply since the early 1980s. According to Bank of England calculations based on Datastream information, income gearing for large industrial companies fell from 28 per cent in 1980 to 19 per cent in 1985, partly due to lower interest rates and company profits recovery.

Figures for 1986 will not be available for several months but, with the average level of interest rates lower than in 1985 and the profits recovery still going, a further reduction in income gearing is likely.

A part from the reduction in the comparative advantage of debt over equity finance, several developments have occurred in recent years to make equity finance more accessible, even for very small companies.

The Government's Business Start-Up Scheme, developed and widened into the present Business Expansion Scheme, has encouraged equity investment in small companies by offering tax relief to investors. This source of finance could be stepped up as the Chancellor follows the CBI suggestion to make Business Expansion Scheme tax relief

## TEMPUS

# Aids treatment gives a lift to Wellcome

On February 14, 1986, St Valentine's Day, trading in Wellcome shares began on the London Stock Exchange. The shares quickly went to a premium on the L200 issue price, and with hardly a backward glance they now stand at just a shade under 300p.

Wellcome's drug Retrovir is the first officially recognised treatment effective against Aids and it has fired the imagination of investors anxious to cash in on what they hope will be a big money-spinner. Yet there are many uncertainties.

Retrovir does not cure Aids, but it helps to slow the progress of the disease, prolonging the lives of victims. It is very expensive to produce, and its price will, therefore, be high. It is not known how high demand will be for the drug — but so far there have been 36,000 diagnosed cases in the West, of which 18,000 are dead, and the numbers are doubling every 10 months.

Wellcome hopes to gain approval in May to begin marketing the drug, but analysts believe that to begin with profits are unlikely to be significant.

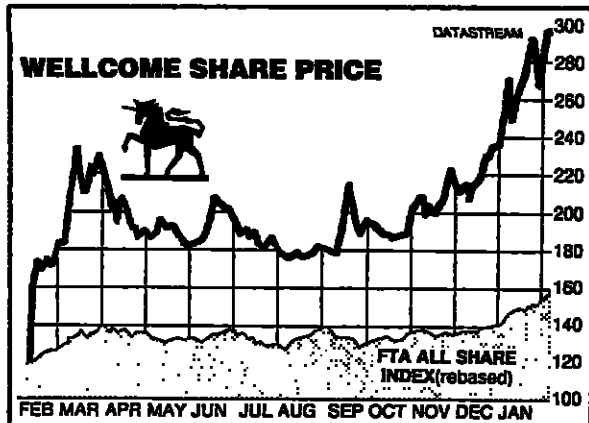
Meanwhile, profits growth is likely to be steady rather than spectacular. Mr Kevin Wilson, the drugs analyst at Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker, forecasts pretax profits up 20 per cent to £150 million for the year to August 1987, rising to £150 million in the following year.

Zovirax, the world's first broad-spectrum antiviral drug, launched in 1981, has been Wellcome's primary engine of growth. It has proved to be very effective in the treatment of herpes. It has still to be launched in oral form in Japan, but profits growth is expected to be slower than in recent years.

Some of its other major products, notably the anti-gout drug Zylone and the antibiotic Septin, have come off-patent, or are in the process of doing so. Meanwhile, sales of its highly successful over-the-counter coughs and colds remedies, Actifed and Sudafed, are slowing in the US.

However, it is difficult to know what new drugs are in the pipeline. Some of those already announced may look less than thrilling. The new anti-epileptic, Lamotrigine, is aimed at a very small market while Acrivastine is a broadening of Wellcome's range of antihistamines and is not in any way a breakthrough.

However, viral research could prove to be a continu-



WELLCOME SHARE PRICE

ing fruitful field of research, beyond Aids. Zovirax appears to be effective in the treatment of shingles if used early enough. Effective marketing will be needed to make sufferers aware that shingles is not untreatable.

## Securicor Group

Securicor Group and its 50.77 per cent owned associate, Security Services, report continued steady progress. Profit before tax rose by 15 per cent and 18 per cent to £16.4 million and £12.7 million respectively.

Since being established nearly 20 years ago, express parcels delivery has become the group's leading profit earner — last year it passed the milestone of carrying a million parcels weekly.

Cash carrying and the newer cash processing services both did well in the year. A new national secure transport service for valuables has now been introduced, called SafeLink.

However, market hopes are pinned to the British Telecom cellular radio network joint venture Celnel. Fierce competition with Racal's Vodafone is beginning to erode margins, but even so, Securicor reports that Celnel is developing faster than expected.

At prices of 193p for Securicor and 167p for its associate, the prospective multiples are approaching 20 times earnings — a reflection of the future returns from Celnel, rather than the near-term fundamentals of the parcels and cash-carrying businesses. The shares look fully valued.

## BOC Group

The gas-fired engine of BOC Group was firing strongly on all cylinders in the first quarter. Recent optimistic predictions from the normally cautious chairman Richard Giordano suggested that 1987 would be a year to watch, and the evidence of the three months to the end of December supports that view.

Pretax profits up from £45.6 million to £59.11 million were at the top end of City expectations, and the shading of the share price by 8p to 451p was more a reflection of the general stock market activity than a judgement on BOC.

The first three months is not necessarily representative of the full year, but what is apparent is the continued rehabilitation of the carbon business, which has given the company headwinds out of all proportion to its size. But last year's £128 million write off now seems to represent the nadir of this business, which was already showing signs of turning around in the last quarter.

Also chiming in with carbon products was the healthcare business in the US. Together they produced an operating profit of £32 million, up from £21.5 million. That can be expected to improve through the year as the company tackles the rationalization that must follow the rapid expansion of its Glascock oxygen supply business. This is not expected to start showing through until the end of the year.

The overall operating profit of £72.6 million, up from £61.3 million, did not have the benefit of forward sales of currency which in the same period last year contributed £3.4 million.

Even with a tax charge that was historically high at 32 per cent, the earnings per share rose 31 per cent to 7.95p a share.

## COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

# Baker double talk upsets the market

Since he became US Treasury Secretary, James Baker has had a vision of reviving elements of the fixed exchange rate system which collapsed so damagingly in 1973. He has also displayed an extraordinary ability to send currency markets into fits of volatility. Last week when the US Treasury had \$30 billion of debt to sell, the bond market had an air of induced calm over the future value of the dollar. The long bond was sold on a yield of 7.49 per cent. This week Mr Baker has given the appearance of a man at ease with resumed devaluation. Yesterday the same bond market, and especially misguided foreigners who took up the bonds, had a shattered look, with the yield up near 7.6 per cent and the dollar down through DM1.80.

The great question is whether Mr Baker has launched a missile that will shake Wall Street. The first stage would be higher rates to shore up the dollar; the second stage a falling bond market; the third stage falling stock prices.

Meanwhile reports from Washington suggest that the "other" Mr Baker has been sounding out his Group of Five allies about the early establishment of reference zones for the major currencies.

In his pact with Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese finance minister, Mr Baker has already gone some way. Visiting Europe before Christmas, when he met Gerhard Stoltenberg, the German finance minister, the topic was high on the agenda.

But is the prospect any closer now? The delay in setting up a meeting of the

Group of Five appears to have arisen from a US desire that the meeting will produce something concrete in the form of reference zones, coming up against resistance.

And so, Mr Baker appears to be trying to set and manipulate limits for the dollar. Monday comments in a television interview were not off the cuff remarks. When Mr Baker said that there were no G5 plans and that the dollar's decline had been orderly, he knew what he was doing.

The comments came at a time when the dollar, on the back of a run of encouraging US economic data, had reached DM1.87 and was threatening to rise to DM1.90. Yesterday, in evidence to the House Ways and Means Committee, Mr Baker was at pains to point out the benefits of the dollar's fall. Along with his repeated refusal to say that the dollar has fallen far enough, this was another sell signal for the markets.

The unofficial US policy thus consists of setting upper limits for the dollar. Plainly missing is any sign that the Administration is willing to accept an unofficial lower limit for the dollar, until the G5 partners are willing to move towards reference zones.

Reference zones mean published targets, breaches of which would require policy action. The Germans remain unconvinced while Britain is hardly likely to accept targets for the pound at this stage. The idea will feature heavily in the spring international gatherings. But getting it to fruition will prove very difficult.

## Junk bonds do not kill

Michael Milken, the man who invented the junk bond and made Drexel Burnham Lambert one of the hottest stockbrokers on Wall Street, is now having his connections with the tainted arbitrageur Ivan Boesky examined by the US Government.

This inquiry seems not to have put a question mark over the high-yield bond business. Nor does the growing criticism of the way the bonds have been used to fuel the takeover boom necessarily imply that they do not have a continuing role in financing corporate America. These are the fighting words of Burton (Burt) Siegel, Drexel's chief investment officer, in defence of an invention that generated \$14.6 billion worth of business for his company last year.

Mr Milken's name was first linked with Mr Boesky in November, and the possibility that an investigation might harm Drexel's fund-raising abilities sent a shiver through Wall Street. Last week, it emerged that the Securities and Exchange Commission was studying

evidence that may link Mr Milken with a Boesky profit-sharing scheme.

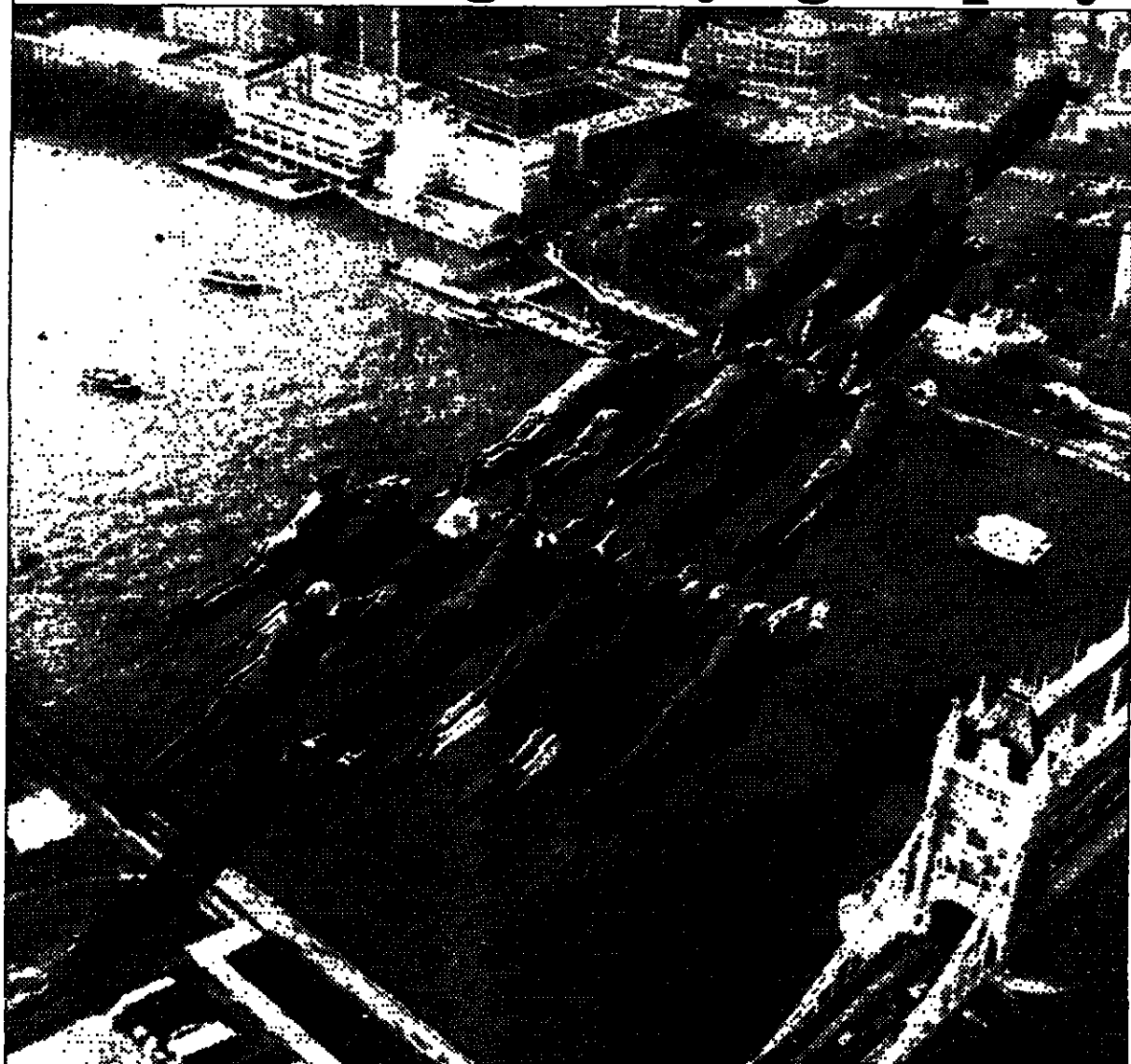
The latest link was definitely a shock, Mr Siegel admitted, but he did not subscribe to the theory that if Mr Milken goes, so does the junk bond business. "The guy is a genius, but we are a huge organization."

Far from falling from favour, junk bonds were attracting more players, he claimed, despite criticism of the way a junk pyramid has been built up by exponents of the takeover game. "There are half a dozen companies now standing back and hoping to capture a nice portion of our market share."

Borrowing a theme from the National Rifle Association that "guns don't kill, only people who misuse them," he argued that junk bonds do not create problems, only the uses to which people put them.

"You have to balance the interests of providing finance for growing companies against the use of bonds in certain types of transaction. You do not want to throw the baby out with the bathwater," he said.

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# Banks deal in protectionism

Strong efforts are being made to lower the boom on foreign raiders as new legislation passes through Parliament

The Banking Bill looked at first as though it would cruise through Parliament with no serious dissent on the main points of the modernised legislation. But it has run into choppy water at the Commons committee stage — which ended last Friday — with the possibility of further controversy in the Lords.

The Government finds itself unexpectedly facing a strong body of opinion represented by the Bank of England, the banks and a sizable number of MPs.

The Bill, the third leg of the Government's financial services legislation, was born out of the Johnson Matthey Bankers debate. There was universal agreement that the supervisory system had failed to catch flagrant banking irregularities and needed tightening. Understandably, debate centred on issues such as the structure of consultation and reporting which would keep the Bank informed of what banks were doing — how they were lending money in their ordinary banking business and how that should be super-

vised. This was the area in which JMB had failed.

Controversial matters such as auditors being required to talk directly to the Bank about clients they suspected of malpractice were thrashed out and accepted. The Bank is being given wider powers to collect information on banks' operations and its commitment to monitoring the control systems of banks has been reinforced.

The penalties for negligence or malpractice by bankers are being increased while the Bank itself is being given a new Banking Supervisory Board to advise the Governor. None of these points is likely to meet serious resistance in the Lords.

But times have moved on and new issues have surfaced. The Guinness and Collier scandals have highlighted new ways in which banks can get themselves into trouble that have nothing to do with ordinary lending.

Even more serious in the eyes of many politicians has been the ominous interest foreign investors have shown in the British banking sector.



Saul Steinberg: American who led raiding in Britain

Aggressive dealing in British bank shares by foreigners in recent months has become a familiar sight in London.

Mr Saul Steinberg, the US corporate raider, led the way by buying a stake in Mercury International. The impotence of Mercury or the Bank to do much about him was laid horribly bare.

Since then, Mr Larry Adler, the Australian businessman, has bought nearly 15 per cent of Hill Samuel while Standard Chartered has three large foreign shareholders of its own. Morgan Grenfell also looks



Ian Stewart: Treasury man fronting wary Government

like a vulnerable bid prospect. The original drafting of the Bill strengthened the Bank's powers to block unwelcome shareholdings. Those with a 15 per cent holding judged not to be "fit and proper" could be disenfranchised or forced to sell their shares.

At the committee stage MPs strengthened this to include a veto over existing shareholders as well as future ones. Moreover, anyone buying up to 5 per cent of a bank would have to tell the Bank in advance.



Larry Adler: the Australian who moved after Steinberg

cloned in the final legislation. The Bank is broadly in sympathy, though it has had no meetings with the Treasury about it.

The banks argue that there may be predators who could not be excluded on the basis of the "fit and proper" criteria but which might nevertheless be undesirable. They also claim that banking, unlike other types of business, relies crucially on public confidence which could be undermined with serious consequences by aggressive arbitrageurs.

The move was greeted with enthusiasm by the Bank. After all, it gave the Bank more power to prosecute its role as supervisor of the British banking system. But the MPs on the committee have had more than pure supervision in mind.

Two weeks ago, an amendment was introduced to give the Treasury power to veto takeovers of banks in the national interest. The narrow defeat of the amendment, by seven votes to six, indicates that this is unlikely to be the last of the matter.

The Committee of London and Scottish Clearing Bankers is lobbying hard to have the national interest clause in-

cluded in the Bill, the Bank would regard them as a kind of nuclear deterrent: a reserve measure to be used only in the most exceptional circumstances.

Like the banks, it believes that if legislation is being devised it may as well include wide powers, even ones that are unlikely to be used — just in case they are needed.

But the Government is wary. Mr Ian Stewart, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, has pointed out that a takeover can be referred by the Bank to the Monopolies Committee.

This happened with the attempts by Standard Chartered and Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank on Royal Bank of Scotland five years ago. They were blocked on national interest grounds.

The trouble with the Monopolies Commission method, say those supporting the national interest clause, is that it is cumbersome. It is only practicable in bid situations and is not much help when an unwelcome shareholder simply builds up a stake in a bank.

A full veto clause in the Bill would raise for the Government the spectre of trade protectionism and would conflict with the Conservatives' free market philosophy.

The Bank insists that such a clause would never be used simply to keep out foreign investors or institutions. But the circumstances under which pressure for such a clause is building tends to suggest the opposite.

The Treasury has so far sounded relaxed about the issue. If the Bill's passage through Parliament looks like becoming unpleasantly rough it seems possible that the Government will simply agree to include the national interest clause.

Although the powers have never been invoked, the wording of the defeated amendment to the Banking Bill was modelled on this clause.

If such powers were finally

## Closure of 5,000 franchised car dealers predicted

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Franchised car dealers will need to sell 500 new cars a year each to survive in the 1990s, which is more than the existing 10,000 outlets sell now, a report on car servicing and replacement parts by Staniland Hall Associates, a firm of economic advisers, says.

The ensuing shake out could bring about the closure of at least half the outlets. This is a greater number than Ford, Nissan, Peugeot, Talbot, Rover and Vauxhall alone have today.

Not only do many dealers make no profit on the sale of new cars, but their share of the £4.4 billion parts and servicing business is threatened by competition from new-style car superstores and the burgeoning number of quick-fit outlets.

"Major changes are inevitable," according to the report.

The report forecasts that while the number of new car outlets in Britain will be reduced, many existing dealers could be retained to provide service only.

Mr Colin Hill, author of the report, emphasises that car manufacturers will defend their dealer networks by introducing conditional conditions that require inspection and servicing at the franchised dealer.

Volvo, for example, has a five-year warranty transferable to new owners but stipulates that the car must always be taken to a recognised Volvo dealer.

Ford too guarantees parts and servicing carried out by its dealers.

Independent garages have 35 per cent of the service and repair trade in Britain through nearly 60 per cent of the outlets.

As in the case of the franchised dealer, they are now under threat from the

highly profitable and fast-growing specialist quick-fit chains.

These networks, such as Kwik-fit, can be expected to expand their range from tyres, exhausts and batteries to include many more service items, according to the report.

The latest entrant into the essentially static parts and servicing market is Halfords, which has expanded its high street parts and accessories shops to offer servicing.

Competition is bound to intensify, the report concludes.

Surprisingly, the author offers a notably guarded forecast for new car sales and servicing outlets established on super-market sites.

Asda already has six such outlets, but Mr Hill stresses that supermarkets will be inevitably found in the large conurbations — exactly where the car makers are already well represented by existing dealers.

Says Mr Hill: "The super-market concept, if it develops at all, is likely to develop slowly and probably with a bias towards those manufacturers — largely East European and Korean — who do not yet have well established networks."

The report expects superstores and supermarkets to gain a greater share of the parts and servicing market and erode the profits of others in the sector.

But the new developments will not generate rapid profits unless the companies quickly exercise their purchasing power and so break or reshape the traditional mould of the industry.

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	Net Asset Value per Ordinary Share (p)	Gross Dividend per Ordinary Share (p)
1978	40.3	1.42
1982	75.9	2.29
1987	234.4	3.10

The Board remains confident in the investment policy successfully pursued since the Trust's formation in 1927.

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The General Funds Investment Trust P.L.C.  
20 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7PA

## F.&C. Eurotrust PLC Offers for General Funds

- The Offers will not be increased\*
- The Cash Alternative will be closed\* on Friday, 13th February 1987
- The Offers will lapse\* on Friday, 13th February, 1987 unless the level of acceptances received in respect of the Equity Offers, taken together with the shares Eurotrust already owns, exceeds 50 per cent.

\*The Offers will not be increased. Eurotrust specifically reserves the right to withdraw the no extension statement and to revise any of the Offers if a competitive situation arises or the Board of General Funds recommends the Offers.

## Foreign & Colonial MANAGEMENT GROUP

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### BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adams & Company	11.00%
BCCI	11.00%
Chibank Savings	12.45%
Consolidated CIB	11.00%
Co-operative Bank	11.00%
C. Hoare & Co.	11.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
Lloyds Bank	11.00%
Nat Westminster	11.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11.00%
TSB	11.00%
Citibank NA	11.00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

### COMPANY NEWS

● SECURICOR GROUP: Final dividend for the year ended September 30, 1986, payable April 3, 1987, at the rate of 7.6p net (6.25p) payable on March 31.

● M&G AUSTRALASIAN AND GENERAL FUND: Final distribution on income units for the accounting period February 10 1986 to February 8 1987 will be at the rate of 0.53p net (0.2p) payable on April 5.

● PHILIPS FINANCE: The company has launched a £40

million Eurosterling issue under the lead management of Baring Brothers and Co. Bankers Trust International and EBC Amro Bank. The bonds, which will mature on March 3 1994, will carry an interest rate of 10 per cent, payable annually on March 3, and will be issued at 101% per cent. The proceeds will be swapped into floating rate sterling.

● GREAT WESTERN RESOURCES: Mr Robert C. McCurry has been appointed executive vice-president, finance, and a director.

## SECURICOR

### RECORD RESULTS FOR 1986

"Exceptionally well placed to continue growth into the foreseeable future"

Securicor Group PLC and Security Services PLC announce further advances in turnover and profit to new record levels.

In the year to September 1986 the profit before tax of Securicor Group increased by 15.1 per cent to £16.4 million and Security Services by 18.2 per cent to £12.7 million. Both companies are increasing their dividends by 10 per cent.

The express parcels delivery service continued to prosper. During the year it passed the milestones of transporting one million consignments weekly. The growth in the parcels business since it was established nearly twenty years ago, has been such that it has become the major profit earner.

Significant progress was achieved in cash carrying, cash processing, alarms and surveillance equipment. In overseas operations profits increased by 25 per cent.

The cellular radio network, Cellnet, which is conducted in

partnership with British Telecom, is developing far faster than was originally expected and prospects for cellular radio continue to be exciting.

The companies' business, at one time dominated by cash carrying, has changed significantly. Having regard to the encouraging prospects for parcels, the newer businesses, further promising developments in radio telephony, and the investment in Cellnet, the directors consider that both companies are exceptionally well placed to continue their growth in the foreseeable future.

Trading results reported for the opening months of the current year indicate that overall progress is being well maintained and reinforces confidence that future prospects are bright.

Peter Smith, Chairman

	Securicor Group PLC		Security Services PLC	
	1986 £000	1985 £000	1986 £000	1985 £000
TURNOVER				
— UK	312,980	274,448	266,491	234,290
— Overseas	43,429	36,434	43,429	36,434
	356,409	310,882	309,920	270,724
PROFIT BEFORE TAX				
Security, communications and parcels	8,754	7,062	8,754	7,062
— UK	2,626	2,094	2,626	2,094
— Overseas	3,624	3,388	1,368	1,632
Finance, investments and insurance	1,434	1,742	—	—
Property, hotels and vehicle divisions	16,438	14,286	12,748	10,788
Tax	5,799	6,265	4,861	4,882
PROFIT AFTER TAX	10,639	8,021	7,887	5,906
Due to outside shareholders	3,882	2,908	—	—
	6,757	5,115	7,887	5,906
Extraordinary item	628	—	1,237	—
	6,129	5,115	6,650	5,906
EARNINGS PER SHARE				
Final Ordinary dividend (proposed)	7.6p	5.9p	8.0p	6.0p
Interim Ordinary dividend (paid)	0.74p	0.673p	1.37p	1.245p
	0.33p	0.5p	0.692p	0.629p

Securicor Group PLC has a 50.77 per cent shareholding in Security Services PLC

Cellular Radio Network: Mobile Communications: International Express  
Parcels and Documents: Britain's Largest Cash Carrier: Electronic  
Surveillance and Alarm Systems: Security Guards and Patrols:  
Office and Industrial Cleaning: International Security  
Services: Hotels and Travel: Motor Dealerships: Vehicle  
Body Building.

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts will be available in March from the Company Secretary, Vigilant House, 24 Gillingham Street, London SW1V 1HZ.





*Portfolio*  
*—Gold—*

## STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

## Profit-taking hits shares

*Portfolio*  
—Gold—

Claims required for  
-14 points

**Claimants should ring 0254-53272**

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COMMODITIES

May	1539.36		Tone		Quiet				
Jul	1562.30								
Oct	1595.82		SILVER SMALL						
Nov	1619.45		Cash	362.00-363.00		Apr	95.50	95.50	
Dec	1625.27		Three Months	370.00-371.00		Jun	95.50	95.50	
Vol	760.50		Tone	NI		Aug	95.50	95.50	
Vol	4097		Tone	kids					

Pig Meat: vol 0

Live Cattle Contract									
p per kilo									
Month	Open	Close							
Feb	97.00	96.50							
Apr	99.00	98.30							
Jun	99.00	98.50							
Aug	99.00	98.50							
									Vol: 1

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

£ per tonne									
	Wheat	Barley							
Month	Open	Close							
Mar	117.65	117.75							
May	118.10	117.10							
Jul	120.50								
Sep	118.80	82.25							
Nov	101.30	101.10							
Dec	104.30	103.90							
Vol: Wheat		749							
Barley		767							

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

£ per tonne									
Month	Open	Close							
Feb	122.00								
Apr	116.00	153.50							
May	117.20	173.30							
Nov	88.30	89.00							
Vol: 19									

Standard CATHODES

Cash	361.00-363.00								
Three Months	354.00-366.00								
Vol	NI								
Tone	Steady								

LEAD

Cash	300.00-301.00								
Three Months	301.50-302.00								
Vol	3025								
Tone	Steady								

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	454.00-458.00								
Three Months	478.50-479.00								
Vol	250								
Tone	Steady								

SILVER LARGE

Cash	362.00-363.00								
Three Months	370.00-371.00								
Vol	3025								
Tone	Steady								

ALUMINUM

Cash	805.00-806.00								
Three Months	812.50-813.00								
Tone	Barley Steady								
Vol	1650								

NICKEL

Cash	2393-2395								
Three Months	2405-2395								
Vol	216								
Tone	Steady								

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK

Commodity									
Average fatstock prices at									
representative markets on									
February 18									
Gst: Cattle, 92.71p per kg liv									
(-0.02)									
Gst: Sheep, 107.9 p per kg liv									
(+5.28)									
Gst: Pigs, 74.40p per kg liv									
(+0.56)									
rest: dead carcase weight									
England and Wales:									
Cattle: carcs. down 6 % , ave.									
price, 81.45p (-0.23)									
Sheep: nos. up 9.9 % , ave.									
price, 175.58p (+0.39)									
Pig nos. down 12.8 % , ave.									
price, 74.58p (+1.43)									
Scotland:									
Cattle: carcs. up 10.1 % , ave.									
price, 86.73p (+0.31)									
Sheep: nos. up 37.1 % , ave.									
price, 174.88p (+0.39)									
Pig nos. up 4.0 % , ave.									
price, 73.38p (-1.74)									

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig Contract p per kilo									
Month	Open	Close							
Feb	97.00	96.50							
Apr	99.00	98.30							
Jun	99.00	98.50							
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Dec	99.00	98.50							
Vol: 19									

SPICE

Month	Open	Close							
Feb	97.00	96.50							
Apr	99.00	98.30							
Jun	99.00	98.50							
Aug	99.00	98.50							
Oct	99.00	98.50							
Dec	99.00	98.50							
Vol: 19									

BUFFEX

G.M.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry									
Cargo Index (81.0 per tonne)									
	High/Low	Close							
Apr 87	785.0-786.0	770.0							
Jul 87	670.0-682.0	670.0							
Oct 87	770.0-783.0	782.0							
Jan 88		770.0							

Sp 90 date Open Int: 2115

Sp 90 market commentary:

2700 tons



# Exports boost footwear and hosiery trade

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The way Britons are dressing up their legs and feet is bringing new cheer to two traditional industries — hosiery and footwear. That is the message from the latest figures issued by the Department of Trade and Industry although particularly in the hosiery and knitted goods sector there is some scepticism about the extent of an apparent improvement in trade.

Production of hosiery and other knitted goods is provisionally estimated to have risen 7 per cent, seasonally adjusted, in the three months to October 31.

Footwear deliveries by volume from British makers are reported to have increased 2 per cent, on a seasonally adjusted basis, in the three months to the end of November compared with the previous three months. Orders on hand at the end of November were 3 per cent higher than at the end of August.

The hosiery index of production (1980 equals 100) hovered at 99 during most of 1985, recovering to 100 in the final quarter. It rose again in the first quarter of last year to 101, slipped back to 98 in the second quarter and then jumped to 104 in the following quarter that ended in September.

August and September were the high points with the index at 108 during both months, falling back to 103 in October.

Hosiery, like the rest of textiles, is maintaining a steady level of activity with exports rising though still facing a continued threat from imports, according to the British Textiles Confederation. There is some surprise in the knitted goods trade that the production index shows such a sharp rise in spite of some short-time working and

redundancies in recent months.

Order books are thinner than a year ago but this could mainly be because lead times on all orders have been cut.

Footwear manufacturers' deliveries by the end of November were by volume running about 1 per cent down on the previous 12-month period, according to the British Footwear Manufacturers Federation. Volume deliveries dropped back 7.5 per cent during November on annual comparison, exports during the month having dropped 10 per cent.

But the recent fall in sterling against continental currencies might smooth the path for the British makers with the effects expected to show through in the early months of 1987.

Exports of British footwear had shared in the third quarter, rising by nearly a fifth to 5.7 million pairs, the highest total ever achieved in that quarter. The rise was mainly in lower-priced goods, like non-leather styles, the increase by value was less marked.

In its most recent in-depth quarterly survey, the BFMF had sounded a warning that certain manufacturers "are concerned that a feast of orders for delivery up to Christmas may be followed by a famine thereafter." Most manufacturers on balance are nevertheless feeling more optimistic.

But the threat from foreign imports into Britain is growing again. In the third quarter they were up 9 per cent in volume, with steep rises from Portugal and Brazil. Italy, the biggest importer whose trade into Britain had fallen off 6 per cent in the first half of 1986, has also made up some lost ground.

## APPOINTMENTS

Central Office of Information: Mr Michael Devereaux has been appointed deputy director general, succeeding Miss Sheelagh Jeffries.

Grant & Partners: Mr Gary Silk is now an associate partner with special responsibility for Docklands and Mr Tim Hitchcock becomes an associate partner in the professional department.

Greater Manchester Museum of Science and Industry: Mr Anthony Goldstone has been announced as chairman and Mr Michael Robbins vice chairman.

County and District Developments: Mr Roger Taylor and Mr Larry Hurst have become directors.

Cullinet Software: Mr George Tams is now the company president, succeeding Mr David Chapman who remains vice chairman and chief executive.

Halmia: Mr John Zarno has joined the board of the safety division and is also managing director of the Castelli Safety International subsidiary.

Murray & Co Stockbrokers: Mr Peter Koley has now joined the board.

Stone International: Mr John Bagley has become the managing director of Stone Transportation.

National Association of Local Councils: Mr Peter MacGregor has been elected chairman, succeeding Mr Dillwyn Miles who becomes a vice-president and Mr John Colby Clarke becomes vice chairman.

Jacob Metals: Mr Brian Lee has become the director of trading, Mr Brian Prichard is now deputy managing director and Mr Douglas Young has joined as a trader.

F. Ogelsby (Harpenden): Mr Michael Ogelsby has been made the managing director, succeeding Mr David Connolly who becomes chairman.

British Linen Bank: Mr Peter Redhead has been made divisional director, treasury. Mr Charles Young becomes divisional director, corporate finance and Mr Edward Murray is appointed an assistant director, corporate finance division.

## MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates (%)	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months
Bank of England	11.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
Overnight	11.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
Discount Market	11.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
Overnight	11.50	10.50	10.50	10.50

Local Authority Deposits (%)	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months
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## TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Dealings	For Settlement
Jan 15	Jan 15	Jan 15	May 15
Feb 15	Feb 15	Feb 15	Jun 15
Mar 15	Mar 15	Mar 15	Jul 15

Call options were taken out on:	10/2/87	10/2/87	10/2/87	10/2/87
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## RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY/1

### The builders' fashion show

By Christopher Warman  
Property Correspondent

Work begins next week to build eight new houses. In 17 days they will be built, complete in every detail except for plumbing, in time for the opening of the 1987 Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition on March 10, and given reinforced upper floors to withstand the equivalent of 100 years' wear during the show.

The show gives a public platform for builders to display their latest designs — and to test the market. The reactions of visitors should give them a more accurate picture of what people want in a house, or what they do not want. There will be gimmicks, of course, such as a computerized bathroom, although with advances in modern technology perhaps it is no longer a gimmick, but basically they are practical designs.

Potton, a regular exhibitor with its building-kit houses, will be showing a house from its new Rectory period range, an attempt to recreate the appeal of a traditional red-brick Georgian rectory.

It believes that while some developers merely pay lip-service to classical period styling with their neo-Georgian offerings, the Potton version genuinely reproduces and exploits the styling. It has a front elevation that remains almost unaltered throughout the six house

#### A Cornish village timeshare lodge

types, which are varied through bays or wings at right angles to the front, and special joinery has been commissioned to provide the central staircase, heavy, paneled front door and sliding sash windows.

Prices have not been announced for this new range, but the existing Potton Heritage houses cost from £12,450 to £33,575. The company estimates that a house from the middle of the range costing £15,800 would cost a total of £43,200 to build and complete, or £68,200 including £25,000 land cost.

Wimpey is providing three ready-made homes, including a four-bedroom Tudor manor house-style house from a range of executive homes costing £137,000-£188,000 when built last year at Lynton, Hampshire.

Demonstrating recent trends in housing, Wimpey is also showing a two-bedroom flat for the purpose-built retirement market, and a one-bedroom timeshare lodge.

The retirement home is similar to the 700 such flats and houses it sold last year. Wimpey now expects the retirement market to account for up to 10 per cent of its business. The timeshare lodge is a representation of the buildings at Wimpey's timeshare village at St Milion, Cornwall.

So a visitor to the exhibition who wants not only a home for himself but also a retirement flat for his parents and a timeshare for his holiday need look no further.

The other houses on show are a four-



For the executive, the four-bedroom house built by Wimpey Homes

bedroom house, with the emphasis on energy conservation, built by the Architectural Services Planning Partnership, which provides house plans and a full architectural service to amateur developers, whether self-builders or employing a professional builder; two from Mark Fitzpatrick, the London-based builder, described as "architect-designed affordable homes"; and, from Valhall Homes, the builder of mainly Canadair-designed houses, a family home with two currently fashionable features — a granny flat and a conservatory.

The exhibition has been held annually, except for the war years, since 1908, when a house could be bought for less than £200. This year should see the 50-millionth visitor.

A newly published book of 400 plans and designs for self-build houses and bungalows, *Plans for Dream Homes*, by Murray Armor, charts the changes that have taken place in people's tastes and demands in recent years. The plans represent the buyer's ideal home, subject only to planning restraints.

Mr Armor explains that the large combined dining rooms of the 1970s have given way to two separate rooms,

and if the overall size permits, there is usually a hall large enough for a central table and one or two other pieces of furniture. A separate study is important, however small, and increasingly it is used as a "sunny" or television room, leaving the lounge free — perhaps for conversation.

Separate kitchens and utility rooms are now seen to be giving place to the largest possible kitchen, preferably with a farmhouse layout and a central table. Bathrooms too have changed. Until a few years ago the lavatory was on its own. Now it is usually back in the bathroom, which in the large homes have five fittings — bath, basin, bidet, lavatory and separate shower. The latest trend, he says, is for this luxury bathroom to be built as the *en suite* bathroom of the master suite, with a simpler bathroom for the family and the guests.

Other features making a comeback are the open fireplace and the chimney. Whether they are used is another matter, but many of them are now built with that intention.

It will be interesting to see how many of these changes are reflected in the "ideal" homes on show next month.



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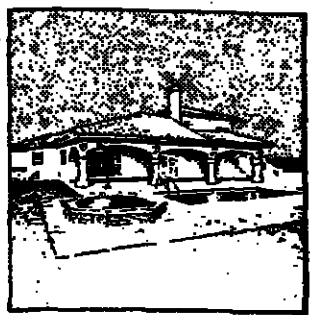
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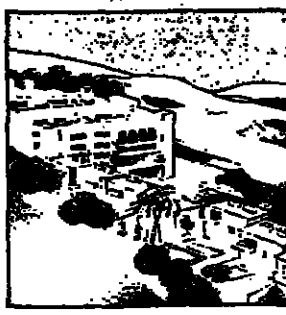
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## RUGBY UNION

# French keep the same fiery formation for visit to Twickenham

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

France, whose commitments each international weekend grow no less, have announced a side to play England that is unchanged from that which beat Wales 16-9 in Paris last weekend. France will bring two teams to this country, a B side to play at Bath on February 20 and their senior side to play in the Five Nations championship match at Twickenham the following day. They are also sending an A side to play Italy in Padua on February 22.

England will, therefore, have to get used to the idea of meeting the side that also disposed of New Zealand in Nantes last November with a forward display of immense vigour. The indications are that Didier Cordonnier, in many eyes the best centre still in French rugby, is at last reconciled to pick a French selectors in time to make the final World Cup squad.

The Toulouse player will not be at Twickenham but, after apparently moving back down the representative ladder last year, he reappears in the A side along with such experienced players as Joël and Salléfrange. The only amendments to the French squad for Twickenham are among the replacements, where Louis Armay, the Lourdes loose-head prop, was promoted after helping his country to a 15-9 win over Scotland in the B international last weekend.

He is joined by the veteran stand-off half, Guy Lapeyre, and the immensely promising No. 8, Alain Carminatti, who was capped against New Zealand but was unavailable for the French bench last weekend because he was undergoing disciplinary measures imposed by the French Army.

Armey takes the place of Philippe Marocco, whom the French select to see in action for the B side. He is one of four capped players - five is the permitted limit - who will play at Bath, the others being Jérôme Bianchi, Patrice Laguerre and Didier Camberabero. If England can pick a team to match this French selection they will be doing well.

Nine of them appeared at St. Andrews, including the locks, Theron and Bouguignon, who won much possession. The pack now looks stronger for the inclusion of Marocco, who played throughout last season's Five Nations championship, and Karl

Janik, the Toulouse flanker who looks like an escapee from the Foreign Legion and is as hard as the legionnaires were supposed to be. Last weekend was a good one for French rugby since, apart from wins against Wales and Scotland, their A side beat Portugal 38-9. They also beat Wales 39-16 in a student international at Begles in which Barthelémy, the Nice full back, who is a replacement for the A side, scored 21 points.

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## GOLF: MISS DAVIES LINES UP A NEW MANAGER AND INCREASED SPONSORSHIP



Potting instead of putting: Laura Davies, still on the green, swaps golf clubs for a cue, to demonstrate her prowess at snooker

By John Hennessy

Laura Davies, the leading woman golfer in Europe, is among the army of people becoming addicted to the snooker table by the exploits of Steve Davis, Dennis Taylor and the like. Her interest in the game is such that she aims to play four or five times a week at the Highbury Snooker Club at Old Woking, near where she lives.

Her prowess in a game of subtle skill and silky touch stands in stark contrast to her experience in the golf, where it is the putting of the British Open champion that often sacrifices the advantage gained by her prodigious long game. "I can't use a billiard cue on the greens," she sighs.

She now regularly natches up breaks in the twenties and she claims that, at

whatever cost to domestic harmony, she can now hold her own with her brother. "I can pot the balls all right, but it's the positional play that beats me." Strange for one with such a command of the other, smaller, white ball.

Back on the fairways, Miss Davies is in negotiation with Mr Colin Snape, formerly executive director of both the PGA and the Women's PGA, to be her manager. It promises to be an odd partnership, since she was bitterly upset when Snape was instrumental in her being fined £50 for untidy appearance in her second tournament as a professional, in Paris in 1985. If the fine was a flea-bump compared with the £4,000 prize she received for finishing second to Jan Stephenson at Australia in the Hennessy Cognac Cup, the hurt to her pride was considerable.

Miss Davies' earnings must have exceeded £20,000 in both 1985 and 1986, when the various perks are taken into account. With a WPGA prize fund raised to £1 million this year, she can expect to improve the relationship with her bank manager still further.

It is one of the little ironies of the situation that one of Snape's aims would be to arrange an endorsement contract for her with, of all people, a clothing company.

Any disappointment Miss Davies may have felt at losing the sponsorship of IBM, who supported her last year and in 1985, has been dispelled by an arrangement with Scottish Equitable. "It is," she says, "a very good deal, better even than IBM's. And there will be more to come if Mr Snape has his way."

## Lopez becomes one of the elite

By Pat Davies

Ordinary rules do not apply to Nancy Lopez. They never have. She is quite simply a phenomenon, and now, at the age of 30, she is officially one of the elite in women's golf.

On Sunday, she won the Sarasota Classic by three shots to record her fifth victory on the LPGA tour and claim a place in the Hall of Fame.

Flowers were presented, tears were shed and hugs exchanged with family and friends. "It was an emotional occasion," said Lopez. "To get into the Hall of Fame, where there are great players like Babe Zaharias and Mickey Wright is what you strive towards."

Winning at Sarasota made it all the more special for Lopez. "Playing here always brings back memories for me," she said. "I won my first tournament here as a rookie and I always think of my Mom when I am here. She died a few months before my victory so she never saw me win as a professional."

But Nancy's father Domingo, who introduced her to golf when she was eight, was there on the proviso to section 211 of the Ray Knight and daughters' Ashby, aged three, and Erin, just nine months.

Being a mother has certainly not dulled her competitive instinct, despite missing virtually the whole of last season to have Erin - and cheer her husband and his team The New York Mets to a place in baseball's World Series.

When she returned to the tour in August, she played five competitive golf for eight months, she tied for third place. In the next tournament she was equal second. In all, she played four tournaments last season, finishing second twice and third once.

Now, in only the second

## Ballesteros to join attempt on record

By Mitchell Platts

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## Pavin is top American

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1. G. Norman (Aus), 1,510pts; 2. B. Langer (Ger), 1,242; 3. S. Ballesteros (Esp), 1,173; 4. T. Nakagawa (Jap), 897; 5. G. Fawn (US), 758; 6. B. Bean (US), 718; 7. G. Tway (US), 717; 8. P. Stewart (US), 665; 9. H. Sutton (US), 674; 10. S. Lyle (GB), 647

Corey Pavin's remarkable start to the 1987 US golf circuit has moved him into fifth place in the Sony world rankings.

He is the leading American in the latest list, issued yesterday, after winning over \$300,000 in his first five events, with victories in the Bob Hope Classic and, last weekend, in the Hawaiian Open in Honolulu.

Pavin has improved 14 places, but is still 754 points behind Greg Norman, the Open champion, who leads from Bernhard Langer and Seve Ballesteros.

Mr Bryan Thomas, who did not appear below, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant, Mr David Wyn Richards for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS, giving the judgment of the court, said that the trial judge was told by the appellant from the dock that he wished to disperse with the services of counsel sitting in front of him.

The judge refused an application to adjourn to enable new counsel to be instructed, and gave the appellant the stark choice of using the services of counsel in court or defending himself. The appellant said that he would have no part in the trial, he went down to the cells and the trial proceeded.

No blame for what happened lay at the door of counsel whose services were dispensed with; he acted with complete propriety throughout. Counsel did not know before arriving at court of the appellant's objections.

## ANGLING

## Riverside row as canoeists 'invade'

By Anne Warden

Trout fishermen on Yorkshire's windswept upland streams, who believe they were first, are threatening legal action against 'pirate' canoeists who they say have invaded their waters.

On Friday, as the new game fishing season approaches, representatives of both camps voiced their disagreement behind the scenes at a meeting of the Yorkshire Water Authority which failed to resolve the dispute.

Following the latest incursion a month ago by Crack, the canoeists' unofficial protest group, on waters anglers say are forbidden to h. tongues on both sides are now at loggerheads about legal action, perhaps going as far as the European courts.

Fishermen argue the less-than-sporting problem has implications for all Britain's 3.3 million anglers, as well as the swelling numbers of canoeists, now thought to number more than 30,000 nationwide.

Angling, who claims to be the oldest British pastime, is vying for choice waters with a sport that began to make its mark only in this century, but which has swept Britain into world championship status in recent years. Canoeists, not to be outdone on tradition, claim Viking forerunners down the torrents of the dales.

Passions are fierce. "They can't understand why we aren't happy with the flat bits," said Mr Chris Hawkesworth, the official British Canoe Union's regional river access officer, while Mr George Copley, general secretary of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society of Anglers, contended: "They're going up and down on other people's preserves. They say rivers should be open to everyone - well, that would be Shangri-La."

No-one from Crack (Campaign for River Access for Canoes and Kayaks), which claims 1,000 members and has drawn the wrath of official canoeists and anglers alike, could be contacted this week but its tactics of staging demonstrations, such as one in December by about 30 paddlers on the River Ure at Masham Bridge, North Yorkshire, have been blamed by both anglers and the BCU for holding up a tentative agreement that had been nearing completion.

The group has undoubtedly made its mark in angling lore, its members distinguished as "pirates", with one of its leading figures being dubbed the rivers' "Rob Roy".

Meanwhile the problem emerges as one of riparian ownership and water rights, with the club's 8,000 members in preparing for centenary celebrations in two years' time, said that anglers had devoted long effort to getting fishing rights. "The angling clubs pay a hell of a lot of money and a hell of a lot of rates," this view was endorsed by Mr Peter Guest, the Trout and Salmon Association's regional officer in Leeds: "Angling rights have been developed by sacrifice and hard work and paying."

Mr Robert Readman, secretary of the Richmond and District Angling Society in North Yorkshire, put it more forcefully: "The canoeists can do what they want off our rivers."

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## Merit game is lost

Nottingham and Gloucester seem unlikely to play the John Smith's Merit Table A game after a dispute between the two clubs over the original date of February 20 (David Hands writes).

Nottingham wish to maintain the Friday evening fixture, which was made over a year ago, but Gloucester are insistent that it should be moved to February 21, the Saturday, which Nottingham reject.

The fixture was made as an evening game to avoid a clash with the televised international between England and France on the Saturday. Nottingham have told their players they would not be required on February 21 and many have made alternative arrangements - in some cases, travelling to Twickenham for the international.

John Drapkin, the Nottingham secretary, said yesterday: "I am annoyed about it. It costs us £1,750 every time we lose a

## Final spur for holders

Loughborough, winners of the UAU final for the past three years, will be at full strength for today's semi-final against Bristol at Stourbridge.

Together with Durham, Loughborough have dominated the competition during the 1980s and it is Durham who will contest the final at Twickenham on March 4 if they make their way past the University of Wales College of Medicine in the other semi-final at Rugby.

It is also a national spirit in the British Polytechnic Cup where Leeds, the holders, play Thames, who have been runners-up, Kingston, in the quarter-finals at Warwick University, while Sheffield meet Bristol at Sutton Coldfield.

## Irish bring back master's joy

By David Hands

He also captured the side, a double irony for man without a drop of Irish blood in his veins. But his father retired to Dublin and young Mark attended in four years, before spending four years at Denington and returning to Trinity College, Dublin, when he was first picked by Ireland.

Thereafter, he moved to Glenside for five years to teach before joining the staff at Dartmouth. Significantly, conceding the commitments of present-day players, he maintained: "During the seven years I played for Ireland, I had scarcely any club rugby at all. I played for Trinity but when I left I made very occasional appearances for Edinburgh Wanderers."

"The forwards in my day were really suppliers of the ball. If I could advise the present England coaches, I would say, pick a pack that can get clean ball and then slip it out. England have some very good players but they never get the ball. My pet hate is to see the No. 8

holding the ball. If he interfered with the ball, I always used to get very annoyed. "I like the passing of the present Irish backs. They seem to know how to do it and it's not always easy - and they have a sense of urgency, which the English side didn't have. England don't seem to enjoy their rugby. We didn't have a coach, we just got together and talked and used our own brains and initiative. I would not have been backs of my day were as fast as the present backs. This is probably the best back division Ireland have had."

He had a reputation as a try-scorer with an outrageous dummy, who also made many tries for his wings, because of special knowledge in special circumstances, what would be a menace to an ordinary person was not a menace to the person to whom it was addressed, or where the converse might be true.

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RACING: IN-FORM BALDING TO COLLECT REYNOLDSTOWN CHASE

# Kildimo can enhance Festival claims by completing treble

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Kildimo is napped to continue his fine run this season by winning the Reynoldstown Novices' Chase at Ascot today, in the hands of that outstanding horseman Graham Bradley.

Not surprisingly, the master of Fyfield regards this promising seven-year-old as a possible winner of the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham next month.

Already more than just useful when he was hurdling over the distance, Kildimo has clearly taken to chasing.

He began his new career at Cheltenham on New Year's Eve when readily accounted for by Playhouse who had previously put up good performances at Newbury and Doncaster.

Then, in an attempt to gain more practice in the build-up to Cheltenham, Kildimo was despatched to Towcester last Thursday to make up for lost time caused by bad weather.

Again that venture proved successful, but it told us nothing that we did not know already. Starting at 15-8 on Kildimo beat inferior oppo-

sition in the manner expected.

With Cavvies Crown, Tawridge, Against The Grain and Crammer all standing their ground, today's race promises to be much more enlightening.

The presence of Cavvies Crown is particularly important because this natural free-running type will set the sort of strong gallop that Bradley needs as he endeavours to settle Kildimo who is inclined to take a strong hold himself early on.

The winner of the Killiney Chase on the course in December, Cavvies Crown is a promising performer in his

own right, but unfortunately he has fallen in his last two races.

Both he and Tawridge, who has won his last four races, at Nottingham, Lingfield, Kempton and Sandown, must give Kildimo 4lb. I believe that task will prove beyond them. Likewise, I suggest that Kildimo will prove too good for Against The Grain and Crammer at level weights.

Earlier in the day, Bradley should taste the sweet flavour of success by also landing the Sapling Novices' Chase on Dan The Miller who has already been placed with great cunning this season to win

three races by Monica Dickinson.

The Charterhouse Handicap Chase, the day's most valuable race, can go to Oregon Trail who is strongly fancied to atone for that uncharacteristic lapse in Ireland just after Christmas when finishing only fifth behind Very Promising.

Although totally untested over today's distance of three miles, Oregon Trail has always finished so well at the end of 2½ miles that the feeling abides in his camp that he will relish it. Also, while he was not right when he returned home from Ireland he is reckoned to be spot on now.

Besides winning at Ascot in the Spring, Oregon Trail collected the Arkle Challenge Trophy and the Glen International Gold Cup at Cheltenham last year.

Following that easy win at Nottingham in December, I fancy Itsgottabealright's chance of winning the Racing Post Handicap Chase at Ludlow where Wollow Will (1.45) and Gratification (3.30) look poised to pull off a double for Fred Winter.

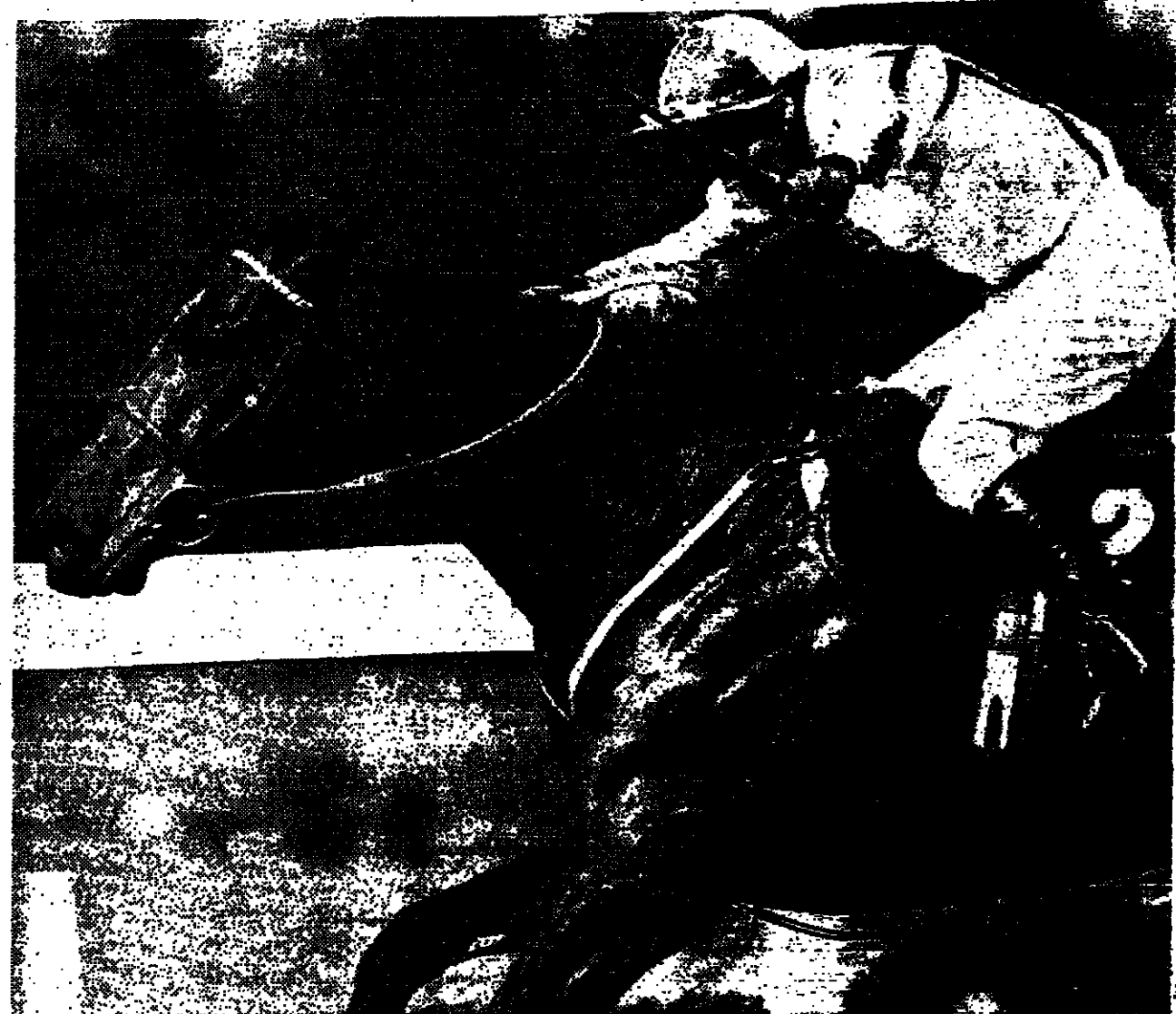
## Three Counties to take charge

Fred Winter's assistant, Charlie Brooks, unsuccessful last week at Sandown Park on Observer, rides his own horse, Gratification, in the three-mile Oteley Hunters' Chase at Ludlow today (Brian Beel writes).

Gratification's best work to date has been over 2½ miles and he may find two other professionally-trained horses, Fethard Friend and Three Counties, will be staying on better at the finish.

Ex-handicap chaser, Fethard Friend will be having his first

chance in the THREE COUNTIES has already made his mark, winning the Chepstow Ladies' Championship Hunter Chase, with Gay Armitage aboard, last May. Mercy Rimell's grand-daughter, Katie, who had three point-to-point winning rides last season, has the mount today and they are just preferred.



Oregon Trail, who landed a novice chase at Ascot last April, returns to the Berkshire course for the Charterhouse Chase

## ASCOT

### Selections

By Mandarin

1.30 Prime Oaks.

2.00 Dan The Miller.

2.30 Crimmon Embers.

3.05 Oregon Trail.

3.40 KILDIMO (nap).

4.10 Peace Terms.

By Michael Seely

2.30 Crimmon Embers. 3.05 CHURCH WARDEN (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.30 PRIME OAKS.

### Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 THREESFORM (C.D.B.F.) (Mrs J. Ryland) B Half 9-10-0 B West 41 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure handicap. Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and sex. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting course winner. Distance. Course.

### 2.0 SAPLING NOVICE CHASE (26.158: 2m) (7 runners)

201 014-111 DAN THE MILLAR (D) (Mrs M. Haggard) Mrs M. Dickinson 8-12-0 G Bradley 59 7-5-5  
202 024-202 BALLYTRENT (Mrs G. Mckay) M. O'Neil 7-11-4 R Danewood 50 20-0  
203 4-2023 BLUECHER (J. Sanger) D. Gifford 6-11-4 R Danewood 50 20-0  
204 010-204 DEER CREST (P) (V. A. Sedgwick) E. Edwards 8-10-0 T Morgan 50 20-0  
205 040-205 DEWSPRY BOY (D. P. Brown) F. Winter 7-11-4 J. Duggan 50 20-0  
206 041-212 TAELOS (R) (D. Hoot) G. Richards 6-11-4 P. Tucker 50 20-0  
1986: CHARCOAL WALLY 7-11-4 B. Powell (4-1) R. Hodges 7 ran

### 2.30 FERNBANK HURDLE (24.417: 3m) (8 runners)

201 022-012 CRIMMON EMBERS (C.D.B.F.) (Mrs S. Smart) F. Wollow 12-12-5 S. Shalton 59 7-2-1  
202 211-042 PIKE'S PEAK (C.D.B.F.) (Mrs S. Smart) N. Henderson 5-12-5 S. Shalton 59 7-2-1  
203 1F-2032 CIMA (R. Padmore) J. O'Neil 9-10-0 R. Danewood 50 8-1  
204 241-000 LUNER (C.D.B.F.) (P. Hopkins) G. Gifford 12-12-0 P. Hopkins 50 20-0  
205 070-025 BOB TESSALL (C.D.B.F.) (Mrs J. Sanger) E. Edwards 8-10-0 T. Morgan 50 20-0  
206 243-011 MODEL PUPIL (C.D.B.F.) (Mrs J. Sanger) E. Edwards 8-10-0 T. Morgan 50 20-0  
207 111-140 ATRABATES (C.D.B.F.) (Mrs J. Sanger) E. Edwards 8-10-0 T. Morgan 50 20-0  
208 04F-432 LADY NEWTON (Sunley Holdings Ltd) J. Fox 6-11-4 R. Danewood 50 20-0  
1986: KING'S COLLEGE BOY 6-11-4 D. Browne (6-1) N. Vigors 4 ran

### 2.45 BULL RING NOVICE HURDLE (Div 1: £777: 2m) (18 runners)

1 244F-1 BANG BANG (W. Owens) W. Owens 5-11-7 S. Dowling (4) 25-1  
2 00-000 BROTHER IN ARMS (C. Roach) C. Roach 5-11-7 R. Millman 18-1  
3 00-000 GOLDEN FLUTTER (A. Lomas) A. Lomas 5-11-7 D. Skyring (7) 18-1  
4 00-000 LITTLE BOY (S. Devlin) J. Bennett 7-11-7 L. Harvey (4) 12-1  
5 00-000 PATCHBURG (R. Gurnthorpe) F. Jordan 5-11-7 C. Smith 14-1  
6 00-000 RAINBOW (P. D. W. W. J. Jenkins 6-11-7 J. White 14-1  
7 00-000 VALENTINE BOY (P. W. W. J. Jenkins 6-11-7 J. White 14-1  
8 00-000 WANDERING WALTER (A. Hamby) A. Hamby 5-11-7 M. A. Hamby 25-1  
9 00-000 FABULOUS MOLLY (J. Coleman) J. Coleman 5-11-7 J. Southern 25-1  
10 00-000 BERNARD (P. W. W. J. Jenkins 6-11-7 J. White 14-1  
11 00-000 JAYLEIGH DREAM (J. Stoney) T. Hallett 5-11-7 NON-RUNNER  
12 00-000 BLAIRINGBOY (J. Lusk) D. Tucker 4-10-11 S. McNeill 20-1  
13 00-000 SOLEIL (W. Kiley) M. Blamford 4-10-11 M. Blamford 20-1  
14 00-000 ROYAL ROUSSEAU (H. Lusk) F. Lusk 4-10-11 S. McNeill 20-1  
15 00-000 SURE LANDING (C. Nelson) F. Winter 4-10-11 P. Scudamore 20-1  
16 00-000 THE BATTLE OF BURNHAM (W. Kiley) M. Blamford 4-10-11 M. Blamford 20-1  
1986: METMAN 5-11-7 M. Pinner (4-5) Mrs J. Pinner 16 ran

### 3.20 OTELEY HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs £880: 3m) (11 runners)

1 24P-343 FETHARD FRIEND (H. A. Sedgwick) E. Edwards 8-10-0 S. Shalton 59 7-2-1  
2 12-241 GRATIFICATION (C.D.B.F.) (Mrs M. Haggard) Mrs M. Dickinson 8-12-0 G. Bradley 59 7-5-5  
3 012-212 FIVE O'RYX (S. Griffiths) S. Griffiths 14-12-3 S. Griffiths (7) 12-1  
4 012-212 THREE COUNTIES (C.D.B.F.) (Mrs M. Haggard) Mrs M. Dickinson 8-12-0 G. Bradley 59 7-5-5  
5 012-212 GERRARD (W. Kiley) M. Blamford 4-10-11 M. Blamford 20-1  
6 012-212 BARRELLER SON (Mrs L. Wilson) Mrs L. Wilson 10-12-0 A. Patten (7) 25-1  
7 012-212 GRASSHOPPER (H. A. Sedgwick) E. Edwards 8-10-0 S. Shalton 59 7-2-1  
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# TELEVISION AND RADIO

## Voice from a world of hatred



Question of sex: Dr Ruth Westheimer (left) talks to Jane Seymour and answers phone-in problems in Ask Dr Ruth (Ch4, 11pm)

“Of course one feels very hurt, wounded and frustrated,” says Colonel Gaddafi of last year’s American bombing of Tripoli, in an exclusive interview with Eamonn McCann on *Diverse Reports* (Channel 4, 8.30pm). “Because, on the one hand it’s a flagrant injustice, and, on the other, it’s an expression of Western hatred towards Libya, not just because it’s Libya but because this hatred extends to the whole Arab and Islamic world.”

Of the shooings outside the Libyan embassy, he says: “Though we were prepared to fight, it’s not in our nature to kill innocent people. That policeman WPC Yvonne Fletcher, she could never have been a target for us. She was a security officer concerned with order and security and she didn’t deserve to be killed.” And of the United States he remarks: “We’re

now targeted by... the most powerful state in the world. It’s an historic period for us, both heroic and tragic. This will produce a generation that will realise. So if a retaliatory generation emerges from this land, it will have been created by them. The Americans have done this to us.”

● *Crossroads* (ITV, 6.35pm), the soap with the most fluffed lines and the shakiest sets, brings in that sterling heavyweight actor Terence Rigby — as “Bomber” Lancaster, the new owner of the motel — to shake things up. Just as long as he doesn’t get rid of that nice young Scottish lass from *Gregory’s Girl*...

Chris Petit

● *Peter Davalle writes:* In attempting to encompass in 20 minutes the personal and professional dimensions of Anna Freud (Radio 3, 7.35pm) Dr Clifford Yorke has performed chosen devices that could have been meat to the psycho-analytical layman but poison to the expert and the capsule anecdote. But Dr Yorke has made a virtue of necessity because what we get is a very clear picture of the woman who refused to accept blindly her eminent father’s theory that if you thought of the mind as a tripartite model composed of id, ego, and super-ego, you solved many mental problems. Typical of Anna Freud’s independent thinking was her reaction when deciding what to do about one confused girl. Did she really need analysis, she wondered? Or was it the mother who needed a housekeeper?



Saying it with flowers: A mystery proposition for Hilda Ogden from Tom Hopwood in *Coronation Street* (ITV, 7.30pm)

### BBC1

- 3.30 *Cricket*. The second of the best of three World Series Cup Final matches between Australia and England in Sydney. (continues on BBC 2 at 7.20)
- 6.55 *Weather*.
- 7.00 *Breakfast Time* with Frank Bough, Jeremy Paxman, and Sally Magnusson. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and traffic reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
- 8.40 *Watchdog*. In the Hot Seat this week, braving the wrath of commuters, is Jim O’Brien, B.R.’s Managing Director. 8.55 Regional news and weather.
- 9.00 *News* and weather.
- 9.05 *Cricket*. Further live coverage of the game in Sydney between Australia and England. (includes news and weather at 10.00 and 11.00)
- 11.15 *Play School*. 11.35 *Advice Shop*. Self-help schemes that can ease the burden of caring for a bed-ridden relative at home. 11.50 *Open Air*. (includes news and weather at 12.00)
- 12.20 *The Tom O’Connor Roadshow*. Variety show from Blackpool. 12.55 Regional news and weather.
- 1.00 *One O’Clock News* with Martin Lewis. Weather. 1.25 *Neighbours*. An intruder enters Des’s house. 1.50 *Crack*. (r)
- 1.55 *Racing from Ascot*. The Sapling Novices Steeplechase (2.00) 2.10 *Chooch-a-Blooc*. (r)
- 2.25 *HRH The Duke of York*. Live coverage of the ceremony marking the introduction of the Duke of York to the House of Lords.
- 3.00 *Racing from Ascot*. The Charterhouse Steeplechase (3.05); and the Reynoldstown Novices’ Steeplechase (3.40).
- 3.50 *Stilgoe’s On*. Richard Stilgoe’s guest is Bill Tidy
- 4.10 *The Hunter*. (r) 4.15 *Jackanory*. Christopher Guard with part three of Gaffer Samson’s Luck. 4.25 *You Should Be So Lucky!* The final of the talent contest.
- 4.55 *John Craven’s Newsround*. 5.05 *Treasure Houses*. Queen Victoria’s holiday home, Osborne House.
- 5.35 *First Class*. Ragis School, Wolverhampton, meet Chryston High School, Glasgow, in a quarterfinal of the inter-school video quiz.
- 6.00 *Six O’Clock News* with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Weather.
- 6.35 *London Plus*.
- 7.00 *Wogan*. With Warren Mitchell, and John and Valerie Earl.
- 7.35 *The Muppet Show* with Bob Hope.
- 8.00 *Dallas*. Cliff provides an enemy of J.R. with vital information. (Ceefax)
- 8.50 *Points of View* with Anne Robinson.
- 9.00 *One O’Clock News* with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
- 9.30 *Q.E.D.: The Foolish Wise Ones*. A documentary about three inmates of British mental institutions who demonstrate exceptional talents — an artist, a musician, and a man who can solve the simplest mathematical problem yet has the talent of calculating the calendar. (Ceefax)
- 10.05 *Sportsnight* introduced by Steve Rider. Football highlights of tonight’s Littlewoods Cup semifinal, first leg match between Southampton and Liverpool; and the new end-of-season promotion and relegation matches. Bowls: the World Indoor Championship from Coatbridge Bowling Club; Cricket: highlights of the second game in the best of three World Series Cup final between Australia and England. 12.16 *Weather*.

### BBC2

- 6.55 *Open University: Economics - The Aggregate Demand and Supply Model*.
- 7.30 *Cricket*. Live coverage of the one-day game in Sydney between Australia and England. (continues on BBC 1)
- 9.05 *Ceefax*.
- 9.15 *Who Do You Think You Are?* A play by Alan Spencer about a family’s search for identity. 9.35 *Neighbours*. (r)
- 10.00 *Daytime on Two*. For four- and five-year olds 10.15 *Flash* that are returning to the newly-cleansed River Thames.
- 10.25 *Fingerprints* and other types of identification; and classifying crystal shapes.
- 11.00 *The Story of the King and the Putsy Fairy* 11.47 *People who have to get out of bed early* 11.40 *Christ’s Passion* 12.02 *Maths: circles*.
- 12.25 *Working in the travel and tourism industry* 12.48 *French language* 1.10 *Business jargon* for those whose second language is English 1.35 *A clash of cultures* (r) 1.55 *News* and weather 2.02 *Thinkabout* 2.15 *Eskimo activity* during the short Arctic summer. (Ceefax)
- 2.35 *Reading and Bowls*. The Fernbank Hurdle from Ascot; and second round coverage of the World Indoor Bowling Championship.
- 3.00 *News* and weather.
- 3.05 *World Sport* introduced by Dougie Donnelly.
- 3.50 *News*, regional news, and weather.
- 4.00 *Pamela Armstrong*.
- 4.30 *World Bowls* from Coatbridge.
- 5.30 *Cover to Cover* presented by Jill Neville.
- 6.00 *World Bowls* from Coatbridge.
- 6.45 *Cricket*. Highlights of today’s second game in the best of three World Series Cup final between Australia and England, introduced by Richie Benaud.
- 7.35 *Take Nobody’s Word For It*. Carol Mather and Professor Ian Fells present another edition of the “do-it-yourself” science programme.
- 8.00 *Whistle Test* includes The Smiths, and a 1979 performance by Madness.
- 8.30 *Out of Court* presented by David Jessel and Sue Cook.
- 9.00 *MPA’S*. Frank becomes a reluctant hero. (r)
- 9.25 *Rich and Catnap*. Comedy series.
- 10.05 *Split Screen*. Two films about the proposed River Mersey Barrage, one from the other against.
- 10.35 *Newsnight*. 11.20 *Weather*.
- 11.25 *Ludwig van Beethoven*. Daniel Barenboim plays *Sonata No 4 Op 7*.
- 12.00 *Open University: Instruments - Made to Measure* 12.25 *Deadline* 12.55 *Wednesday*. Ends at 12.55.

### ITV/LONDON

- 6.15 *TV-am* presented by Mike Morris. Weather at 6.30; sport at 6.40; and exercises at 6.55.
- 7.00 *Good Morning Britain* introduced by Jayne Irving and Richard Keys. News at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; cartoon 8.25; sport at 7.40; pop music at 7.55; and video report at 8.35. The After Nine guests include Dr David Levin discussing the childhood ailments of sarcoma and catarrh; and, at 9.17, exercises with Lizzie Webb.
- 9.25 *Thames news headlines*. Scholes’s simple mathematical concepts 9.42 How a car’s design can reduce injury if involved in an accident 9.58 *Maths: symmetrical patterns* 10.16 The architecture of a city 10.33 *English: understanding television* 11.03 The uses of computers 11.22 *Computers and a model* 11.38 Part four of *La Belle Vie*, by Jean Anouilh.
- 12.00 *Button Moon*. Puppet series 12.10 *Allsorts* 12.30 *Wish You Were Here*. A repeat of Monday’s programme which included reports from Rita Kelly in Turkey; Annika Rice in the south Pacific; and Judith Chambers on farm sales holidays.
- 1.00 *News at One* with Leonard Parkin 1.20 *Thames news*.
- 1.30 *A Country Practice*. Medical drama series set in an Australian outback town. 2.30 *On the Market*. Susan Brookles and Mark Gorton with the best fresh food buys; reports on new developments in food production and presentation; and consumer surveys.
- 3.00 *Amoebas to Zebras*. Nature quiz presented by Nigel Rees 3.25 *Thames news headlines* 3.30 *Sons and Daughters*. Australian family drama series.
- 4.00 *Creepy Crawlies*. Paul Nicholas with the story of Storm in a Teacup 4.10
- 6.45 *4.20 Scooty*, with Matthew Corbett 4.45 *V.E.S. Adventures* of a group of children who set up a Youth Enquiry Service.
- 5.15 *Connections*. General knowledge quiz for sixth formers, presented by Sue Robble.
- 5.45 *News with Alastair Stewart* 6.00 *Thames news*
- 6.25 *Help! Vw Taylor* Goes with news of the work of the Barnet Volunteer Bureau.
- 6.35 *Crossroads*.
- 7.00 *This is Your Life*. Eamonn Andrews lies in wait for another unsuspecting worthy.
- 7.30 *Coronation Street*. Hilda receives a proposition from a certain gentleman. (Oracle)
- 8.00 *Sporting Triangles* presented by Nick Owen. Jimmy Greaves and Teresa Sanderson are joined by Gary Linaker, Sharon Davies, Willie Thorne, and Tony Allcock.
- 8.30 *High and Dry*. Comedy series starring Bernard Cribbins as the owner of a dilapidated seaside pier. (Oracle)
- 9.00 *The Equalizer*. McCall comes to the aid of a man threatened with death if he doesn’t give his captors what they demand. The trouble is that the man cannot find out what the men are demanding. Starring Edward Woodward. (Oracle)
- 10.00 *News at Ten* with Sandy Gall and Carol Barnes. Weather followed by *Thames news headlines*.
- 10.30 *Thames Sport*. *Cockney Snooker Classic*. The best-of-three frames final for the Mecca Bookmakers Trophy.
- 12.00 *Man of Honour*. Guardian of the Abyss. An antique dealer unwittingly acquires a mirror with sinister powers. Starring Ray Lonnner, Rosalyn Layton, and Barbara Ewing. (r)
- 12.55 *Night Thoughts* with Dr Peter Cottrell.

### CHANNEL 4

- 2.15 *Their Lordships’ House*. (r)
- 2.30 *Film: Blockade* (1938) starring Madeleine Carroll and Henry Fonda. Drama set in Spain at the time of the Civil War when two lovers find themselves on opposing sides. Directed by William Dieterle.
- 4.00 *Mavis* on 4. Mavis Nicholson meets the villagers of Draperstown, a rural community 50 miles from Belfast, who have raised £40,000 to start their own enterprise scheme.
- 4.30 *Countdown*. Yesterday’s winner is challenged by Essex student Alan Johnson.
- 5.00 *Chateaufort*. (r)
- 6.00 *The Marketing Mix*. Part five of the series on marketing. (r) (Oracle)
- 6.30 *Dust and Dreams*. This sixth programme in the series analyses the position of women in the United States in the late 1940s. (Oracle)
- 7.00 *4 News* with Nicholas Owen and Christabel King, includes the third report from Trevor McDonald in Nicaragua, examining how the United States financed war and trade blockade have crippled the country’s economy.
- 7.50 *Comment*. This week’s political slot is filled by John Cartwright, the SDP member for Woolwich, the Alliance defence spokesman and Chief Whip. Weather.
- 8.00 *Tom Keating on Painters*. The artist discusses the work of Constable. (r) (Oracle)
- 8.30 *Diverse Reports*. Colonel Gaddafi talks frankly to Eamonn McCann about the United States, Britain and the Arab world, and maintains that Libya are the victims rather than the villains of the Middle East.
- 9.00 *Down the Line*. Scottish current affairs programme.
- 10.00 *Up Line*. Episode two of the comedy drama about pyramid selling.
- 11.00 *Ask Dr Ruth*. The first of a new series in which sexologist Dr Ruth Westheimer deals with viewers’ problems and, tonight, discusses romance with actress Jane Seymour and opera singer Sergio Franchi.
- 11.30 *Film: The Haunted Man* (1967) starring Kathi Barron. An actor, injured when trying to prevent a raid on a shop, loses his ability to learn scripts, and is sacked. He becomes obsessed with finding the thieves. Directed by Stanley Wilks.
- 12.00 *Beyond Belief*. Anthony Clarr discusses Islamic Fundamentalism in the United Kingdom with Dr Said Ramadan Khoury, Iranian Ambassador to the United Nations, and Dr Kalim Siddiqui, a prominent member of the Muslim community. *Their Lordships’ House*. Ends at 12.45.

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# Chelsea and Villa are left back at square one

By Clive White

David Speedie, who has played all season for a divorce from Chelsea, declined it when offered one yesterday. After a favourable reaction initially to Aston Villa's overtures he rejected them because they could not accept his terms. But the breakdown was on both sides since Tony Dorigo, who was offered in part exchange plus £300,000, could not agree terms with the London club.

It would appear that the most disappointed parties were the two clubs, though Billy McNeill, the Villa manager, tried to seek some solace from his failure to tempt the Scottish international to his troubled club. "While I'm disappointed not to be able to add Speedie's ability and personality to my squad, at the same time I'm pleased Dorigo has not left," McNeill said.

McNeill had resisted Chelsea's request that Dorigo, an

England Under-21 player, be included in a proposed part exchange deal last year involving Kerry Dixon and Steve Hodge. Dorigo's reluctance to leave may have had something to do with the desire of Liverpool to find a replacement for Jim Beglin, who broke his leg last month. Dorigo's name has been mentioned as an alternative to West Bromwich Albion's Derek Statham, who failed a medical at Anfield.

John Hollins, the Chelsea manager, has been surrounded

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all season by discontented players which has had a catastrophic effect upon results. Eliminated from both major cup competitions, they were bottom of the table until recently. Last season they finished sixth and won a Wembley final, albeit the unratified Full Members' Cup.

McNeill, who would also have received Doug Rougrie, the Scottish defender, if the deal had gone through, added: "To have let Dorigo go would have been a risk and a gamble on my part. But it was the only way I could have got Speedie. He could have given us the ideal lift."

Villa, second from bottom of the first division, have won only one of their last 16 games. They badly need a goalscorer and McNeill, who has yet to make his first signing since joining the club in December, may now move his attentions to Liverpool's Paul Walsh.

The sale of Speedie, who is 27 this week, could have led to a large scale clear-out. Dixon, Colin Pates, the captain, Joe McLaughlin, Mike Hazard, Nigel Spackman, Tony Godden and Speedie himself were asked for a transfer at some time or other during the season. Chelsea, whose league gates are down 29.45 per cent on this time last season, have an enormous playing staff and pressure must be growing upon Hollins to sell.

Hollins would not comment on the breakdown of the Speedie transfer, other than to state the bare facts. With Dixon bound to leave Stamford Bridge shortly the money from the proposed Villa deal would have helped Hollins finance the purchase of another leading forward. Dorigo's rejection of Chelsea follows that by Alan Smith, of Leicester City, who similarly wanted to keep his options open. Chelsea's lack of success has hurt them in more ways than one.

Speedie, dropped for nearly two months by Chelsea earlier in the season, has maintained a desire to leave the club since his recall.



Speedie (left) and Dorigo: terms unacceptable

## Wembley date for world's greatest

Diego Maradona, Pele and George Best could all be in action at Wembley in April. Steve Archibald, the former Tottenham Hotspur and Scottish forward now with Barcelona, is hoping to arrange a "Football for Africa" spectacular at Wembley in April and is to meet representatives of the FA tomorrow morning to discuss the matter. Archibald, who stresses that this match has nothing to do with the Football League v Rest of the World match proposed for next August, says that he got the idea after seeing a Bob Geldof Live Aid programme.

"I was really shocked by the condition of people in Africa and began to organize a football spectacular," he said. "I have written to all the world's leading players and have had replies, saying they will play from Maradona, Schuster, Valdano, Butragueno, Ardis, Lineker, Hughes, Schuster and Maradona's two brothers,

plus the two Dames, Laudrup and Elkjaer.

"I am also hoping that Pele and Best could perhaps play for one half each and I want to stage the game, hopefully at Wembley, in April. I'm coming over from Spain on Wednesday and will meet FA officials on Thursday morning. I have already had FIFA permission to stage such a match. I need FA permission to stage the match in England and Wembley would be the ideal venue."

An FA official said last night that nothing definite had been decided and pointed out that all the world's stars, even if they were prepared to play in such a game, would have to get permission from both their clubs and their national associations.

Archibald is not quite sure what the two teams will be called. "Perhaps it could be the Rest of the World v Princess Anne's XI or something like that," he says.

## D'Avray faces debut against the champions

Mich D'Avray could make his debut for Leicester City against Liverpool, the League champions, at Anfield this Saturday.

The 24-year-old centre forward, who has been given a month's loan from Ipswich, may be given his chance because Leicester's record signing, Steve Moran, is still suffering from a twisted ankle sustained in last Saturday's win over Wimbledon. If D'Avray plays, he will team up with Alan Smith, the man he could eventually replace if Leicester decide to sell the latter, who they value at £1 million. Ipswich, who wanted £100,000 for D'Avray, have also loaned Kevin Steegles, their defender, to West Bromwich Albion for a month.

Crewe have paid a club record fee of £12,000 to Everton for Peter Billing, 25-year-old central defender, who has been on loan at the fourth division club for the past two months.



Stopping the traffic: Honeyghan wears a grin as broad as the brim of his ston (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

## Dodd a cut above his station

By Sydney Friskin

Les Dodd, a former taxi driver from Southampton, who will be 33 today, looked a cut above his station as the 69th player in world rankings when he faced Joe Johnson, the world champion, in the second semi-final of the Tolly Ales English professional snooker championship at Ipswich yesterday. At the interval of their best-of-17-frame match Dodd led 4-3.

Johnson, who was 4-1 down yesterday, won the next two frames with a spirited effort. Before the match he had said: "I feel the pressure as world champion hard to take and it is difficult to have confidence in yourself when you are losing. I desperately need a couple of good wins."

Dodd, who has never gone as far as this in any tournament, was less tense despite having lost the first frame. His response was a break of 85, which enabled him to level the score and, having done that, he won the next three frames, though not with a great degree of comfort.

Dodd stole the third frame with a clearance of 43 and clinched the fourth after a prolonged battle for the pink; but his powers of accumulation became more pronounced when he won the fifth.

Johnson's game took a more reassuring turn when a break of 41 enabled him to cut the lead to 4-2. Then, playing more attacking snooker, he won the seventh frame to put himself back in the match. Dodd overreacted when attempting to pot the last red and lost his chance of recovery.

SEMI-FINAL: Dodd leads Joe Johnson, 4-3. Frame scores (Dodd first): 15-70, 90-1, 80-48, 52-44, 71-30, 27-70, 25-76.

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## Sponsorship vital for future growth

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Twenty years ago it would have been difficult to imagine the sums of money the game of Rugby Union would attract, once those who administer the game permitted the entrance of sponsorship. The latest deal concluded by the Rugby Football Union, worth £2.6m over three years, may appear enormous but spread over the 1,200 clubs who wish to take part in the Courage Club Championship next season, it is not.

It is suggested, too, that such money will hasten the day when Rugby Union is professional; that the possibility of prize money for the winning of leagues, at national, divisional or county level, will lead to polarization, with the best players being "lured" to the successful clubs.

To the first argument, one can say that the game will be professional only if it is allowed to. But it is impossible both to maintain high standards, on and off the field, and encourage the growth of the game at a time when fewer and fewer schools are doing so without large amounts of money. The £100,000, for instance, which will go to the RFU at Twickenham next year from the initial sponsorship agreement of £500,000 for the first year, will aid the development of youth rugby and the upkeep of a stadium large parts of which will have to be rebuilt over the next two decades.

To the second argument it may be said that a certain amount of polarization has always taken place, in any sport. Successful clubs attract players, nor do they have to be "lured" to join; this is not a new development. It is not difficult to think of clubs who used to be invitation clubs, whose players came from different parts of the country rather than one specific area.

and that was 50 years and more ago.

"Clubs are always complaining about the cost of running a first-class club," Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, said yesterday. "Travel is a significant expense, as are rates. These are the sort of factors where money is needed. Over the years I have heard people say there is no reason for rugby to go professional because there is no money. Now there is money but when you are talking about such a large number of clubs, it does not amount to very much."

The allocation of the sponsorship money has been discussed as it relates to the three national divisions of the club championship, plus area leagues north and south. Broadly speaking, the senior clubs will receive between £4,500 and £5,000 a year, which may not be as large a slice of the cake as they would like but is 50 per cent more than they were getting before. Such an allocation was worked out in consultation with the merit table clubs.

It is worth remembering too that the perceived status of the game has changed during the television era. It is judged in the same way as professional sports which are presented on the world stage; it is expanding as an international game but where some countries — France, for instance — receive government subsidies, the game in Britain must depend upon its own resources and those it can attract from commerce. For many years Rugby Union has existed upon goodwill but if the base of the game is to become broader, or even remain at the same level it is today, then the professional administrative and educational aid is going to expand.

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## Lancashire criticized by Lloyd

Clive Lloyd severely criticized Lancashire yesterday just 24 hours after deciding to quit first class cricket. The 42-year-old former West Indian captain launched a scathing attack on the club, saying: "I am happy to go."

Lloyd, who spent 20 seasons at Old Trafford, claims Lancashire had blamed him for things over which he had no control. Since the end of last season the county have dismissed the manager, Jack Bond, and their coach, Peter Lever. Last week their long-serving chairman, Cedric Rhoades, resigned.

Lloyd also hit out at his former team colleagues. He said the atmosphere at Lancashire was not very good and he had not been happy for a year or two. "The players have got to take some of the blame for what has happened. They have got to look at their performances. Too many players have lost their pride."

Lancashire have a poor championship record, finishing in the bottom six for the past 11 years, statistics which support Lloyd's viewpoint. He said: "A new chairman or a new committee will not help make anybody play better. It is the cricketers who have to look to their jobs. I thought it a privilege and honour to play for Lancashire. Some of the love has gone out of the game."

Lloyd also criticized Bond, who claimed that Lloyd's appointment as captain last summer cost him his job.

"I gave my all for Jack and would have died for him. What he said really hurt me."

● Cape Town (Reuters) — Omar Henry, the first non-white cricketer to play for South Africa, has been dropped for the final two games against the unofficial Australians and is replaced by Corrie van Zyl, the fast bowler who will play for Glamorgan next season.

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## Bottling Breland for two years

By Srikanth Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Lloyd Honeyghan, Britain's World Boxing Council and International Boxing Federation champion, may have to wait for two years for the million-dollar showdown with Mark Breland, the brilliant World Boxing Association champion.

The bout was ruled out when Breland boxed the South African, Harold Volbrecht, for the WBA title. Honeyghan vacated. The WBC do not recognize South African boxers and anyone who boxes them is automatically removed from the title rankings for two years.

Honeyghan, wearing a ston, though not *tout ensemble*, and looking a million dollars after seven weeks in Palm Springs, where he has been preparing for his defence against Johnny Bumphus on February 22 at Wembley, said that he could live without Breland for two years.

The bout could wait as far as Honeyghan's manager, Mickey Duff, was concerned. "Like wine, the longer it waits the better it gets," he said.

Honeyghan has been training solidly with Buster Drayton, the IBF light-middleweight champion, even on Christmas Day. Drayton will be best remembered in Britain as the man who knocked out Jimmy Cable and Mark Kaylor.

Drayton, who has sparred several times with Bumphus, agreed that the challenger was a good boxer and clever, but comparing him with Honeyghan was like comparing a Volkswagen and a BMW.

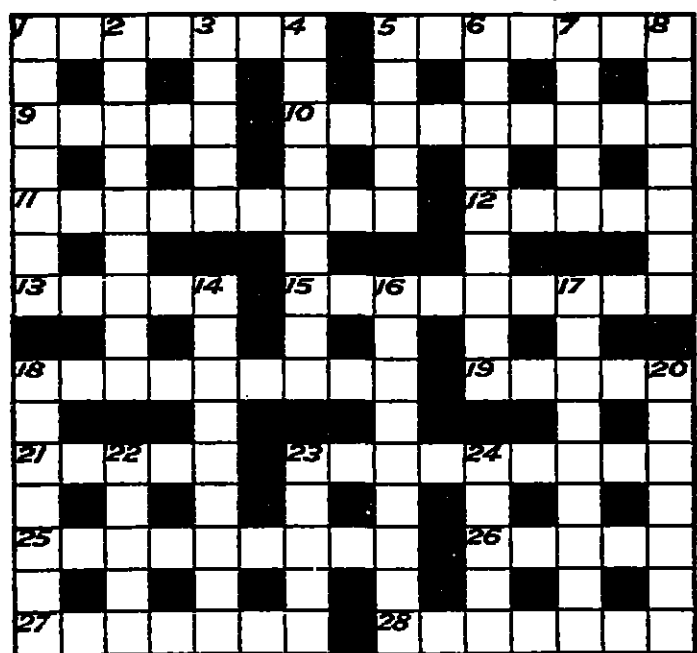
Honeyghan will be training at the Tottenham Sports Centre, opposite Tottenham Hotspur's ground, from 1 p.m.

"I'll be training like those Americans who come here. They look like they are doing nothing because they've done all their training back home," the champion said. Clearly, between now and February 22 the media will get plenty of mileage out of this "hype-powered" BMW.

Tony Willis, the British lightweight champion, of Liverpool, was delighted to get a bout against the tough young Welshman, Keith Parry, on Monday at Cardiff. There is such a dearth of good lightweights in Britain these days that the champion will travel miles to keep his hand in. Parry was out of his depth but Willis showed such a range of skills that I was, sorry that there are not enough lightweights to bring more of that kind of boxing out of Willis.

The boxing board have ordered a series of eliminators to find a suitable opponent for Willis but a "natural" seems to be Mo Hussein, who meets Langton Tinago, of Zimbabwe, for the Commonwealth title on the Terry Marsh-Joe Manley world light-welterweight title fight at Basildon on March 4. If Hussein wins I gather the board would be delighted to sanction a match.

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- ACROSS**
- Regret returning first service in rubber (7).
  - Suddenly fail to praise (5,2).
  - Keep quiet about mother's ruin (5).
  - Tudor ship (5,4).
  - Saint's days in the middle (September) (9).
  - The law of the land, so to speak (5).
  - Saw across the island (5).
  - Ethnic art arranged up a gum tree (2,3,4).
  - "Othello" has polish (9).
  - Horse fed grain primarily becomes fat (5).
  - Wood — a large piece from the back (5).
  - One in favour of giving MPs a rise (3,6).
  - Emperor's returned, an odd cove, quietly spoken (5,4).
  - Pen accepts one sutor (5).
  - Prison officer, the last to remain in the country (7).
  - The answer I put in a note (7).
- DOWN**
- Vague a sign of injury and a black eye from this (7).
  - Girl has fancy about an earthly paradise (7,2).
  - Characteristic helping in Somerset hostilities (5).
  - To repay holding is essential (9).
  - A place to change trains — and those who run them, we hear (5).
  - Use Amanda to cook to a sickening extent (2,7).
  - Hit in the manner of a bear (5).
  - Resolute an empty settlement (7).
  - Pages do take bets (4,1,4).
  - Jack's about to go round and live in Paddington, perhaps (5,4).
  - As if a mark could give tongue! (4).
  - Stand in for parent with scholar away to take an exam (4,3).
  - Intrinsic nature caught, held by Jewish sectarian (7).
  - Departed night afterwards (5).
  - Sill, sentimentality fills your heads (5).
  - A stance taken up by story-teller (5).

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**WEATHER**  
A weak area of low pressure will cover the British Isles. Northern and eastern Scotland will be mostly cloudy with occasional rain or sleet. Many other areas will have a dry day with bright spells, but there will generally be a lot of cloud and showers are likely here and there. It will be generally rather cold. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Mostly dry and cold with frost and fog at night.

ABROAD			
MIDDAY:	c: cloud; d: drizzle; f: fog; l: fog; r: rain; s: sun; sn: snow; t: thunder.		
Ajaccio	c 13 55	Madrid	c 18 45
Alexandria	c 12 55	Malaga	c 18 45
Algiers	c 12 55	Marseilles	c 18 45
Amman	c 12 55	Milan	c 18 45
Antwerp	c 12 55	Montreal	c 15 5
Athens	c 12 55	Munich	c 18 45
Bahia	c 12 55	Nairobi	c 15 5
Baku	c 12 55	Nice	c 18 45
Batavia	c 12 55	Norwich	c 18 45
Bombay	c 12 55	Oslo	c 18 45
Buenos Aires	c 12 55	Ottawa	c 18 45
Burgas	c 12 55	Paris	c 18 45
Calcutta	c 12 55	Peking	c 18 45
Cairo	c 12 55	Perth	c 18 45
Canton	c 12 55	Prague	c 18 45
Cebu	c 12 55	Rangoon	c 18 45
Chengdu	c 12 55	Rio de Janeiro	c 18 45
Chongqing	c 12 55	Santiago	c 18 45
Copenhagen	c 12 55	Sao Paulo	c 18 45
Dakar	c 12 55	Seoul	c 18 45
Damascus	c 12 55	Singapore	c 18 45
Dar es Salaam	c 12 55	Sydney	c 18 45
Delhi	c 12 55	Taipei	c 18 45
Dhaka	c 12 55	Tokyo	c 18 45
Dublin	c 12 55	Toronto	c 18 45
Edinburgh	c 12 55	Urumqi	c 18 45
Geneva	c 12 55	Vancouver	c 18 45
Hankow	c 12 55	Warsaw	c 18 45
Hong Kong	c 12 55	Washington	c 18 45
Huamantla	c 12 55	Zurich	c 18 45
Istanbul	c 12 55		
Jakarta	c 12 55		
Jeddah	c 12 55		
Kobe	c 12 55		
Kuala Lumpur	c 12 55		
London	c 12 55		
Lyons	c 12 55		
Manila	c 12 55		
Medan	c 12 55		
Mexico City	c 12 55		
Moscow	c 12 55		
Mumbai	c 12 55		
Nagasaki	c 12 55		
Nanking	c 12 55		
Norfolk	c 12 55		
Osaka	c 12 55		
Palma de Maiorca	c 12 55		
Panama	c 12 55		
Paris	c 12 55		
Peking	c 12 55		
Perth	c 12 55		
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Tokyo	c 12 55		
Toronto	c 12 55		
Urumqi	c 12 55		
Vancouver	c 12 55		
Warsaw	c 12 55		
Washington	c 12 55		
Zurich	c 12 55		

AROUND BRITAIN			
Sun	Rain	Max	Min
hrs		C	F
Scarborough	-28	9	48
Bridlington	-28	9	48
Blackpool	-28	9	48
Carlisle	-28	9	48
Exeter	-28	9	48
Gloucester	-28	9	48
Leeds	-28	9	48
Manchester	-28	9	48
Newcastle	-28	9	48
Nottingham	-28	9	48
Sheffield	-28	9	48
Sunderland	-28	9	48
Torquay	-28	9	48
Wolverhampton	-28	9	48
Wrexham	-28	9	48
Cardiff	-28	9	48
Belfast	-28	9	48

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